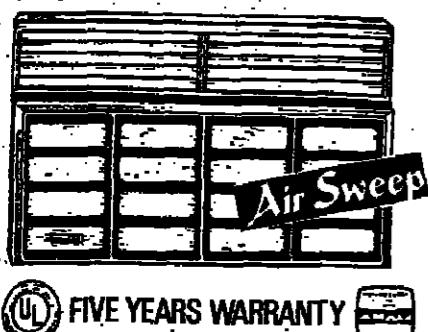


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## Ito quits, to take blame for crisis

TOKYO, May 16 (AP) — Japan's Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, whose most important venture in international affairs — the summit meeting with U.S. President Ronald Reagan — has become a major political embarrassment at home, accepted his foreign minister's resignation Saturday and chose a seasoned politician-diplomat to replace him.

Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito, 67, announced he was quitting to "accept responsibility" for the crisis. Sunao Sonoda also 67, another ruling party stalwart who served two years in two previous governments as foreign minister and is now minister of health and welfare, took over the crucial post. Vice Foreign Minister Masuo Takashima also resigned, but Sonoda will decide his fate.

Ito's decision to resign was in a time-honored Japanese tradition in which senior officials quit their jobs to take the blame for their own or their subordinates' failing or misdeeds. The choice of Sonoda appeared aimed at stifling the charges of "inept leadership" that have resounded all week through

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## Pope's wounds baffle police

ROME, May 16 (AP) — Ballistics experts are raising serious questions about some of the earlier conclusions about the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II Wednesday in St. Peter's Square. Mehmet Ali Agca, who has been identified as a Turkish rightist extremist and has been arrested for the attack, has repeatedly insisted that he fired only two shots at the Pope, according to police reports.

Police have also said that the weapon taken from Agca after the shooting contained only two spent cartridges, which would tend to bear out his account. The pistol has been identified by police as a 9-mm. Browning IP-33.

However, the Pope was struck at three points — in his abdomen, his left hand and his right arm. In addition, two women tourists were also struck by bullets. Anne Odre, an American, was shot in the thorax and pan-

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## Mitterrand takes over Thursday

## Reds seek share in power

PARIS, May 16 (Agencies) — The French communist Party, anxious to hold its ground in parliamentary elections which Socialist President-elect Francois Mitterrand will call June, has added new insistence to its call for a share in power. Five days after Mitterrand's stunning victory, which changed the political landscape overnight, the party stressed its readiness to assume its "full responsibility in a constructive spirit."

Or, as spokesman Pierre Juquin said after a central committee meeting that the Communists, are ready to join immediately the coalition, the transitional government Mitterrand plans to form prior to the polling. The Communists are, in fact, unlikely to see this singular wish granted so soon, as Mitterrand has already indicated his purely national team will comprise only those who backed his candidate from the start. Juquin's insistence that the Communists are intent on "creating the most favorable conditions for securing a solid, well-built

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## Gold haul found

ANNEMASSE, East France, May 16 (AFP) — French customs officials unearthed what must be the world's most valuable car battery here when they discovered it had a secret compartment containing 1,150 pieces of gold worth about \$250,000.

Customs officials near the Swiss frontier, who have mounted an extra watch for currency smugglers since the Socialist victory in the presidential election, stopped the car Thursday as it returned from Switzerland. They learnt that the three occupants had allegedly been to Switzerland to buy gold for French nationalists worried about the new political situation. A search of their home in Lyons allegedly revealed documents proving they had illegally imported 198 kilos of gold already.

"This is probably the largest quantity of petrol bombs we've ever found," a police spokesman said. "But we've found more explosives before." In an outhouse behind a home in west Belfast's Aspen Park District, a security force patrol seized 50 gasoline bombs, and bottles and materials for another 170 bombs, police said.

The second factory was set up in a derelict house in north Belfast's old Park Road District, police said. Along with 16 gallons of gasoline, it contained 24 bombs, funnels, rubber tubing and plastic containers. The explosives, filled in two kegs, along with wires, detonators and batteries, were hidden in a sewer in the Creggan area of Londonderry, this British province's second city.

## Raids unearth Belfast bomb factories

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, May 16 (AP) — Police and troops discovered two gasoline bomb factories and 100 pounds (45 kgs) of home made explosives in a series of dawn raids Saturday in Roman Catholic districts of Belfast and in Londonderry, police reported. Security forces swooped after sporadic rioting died down late Friday following the funeral at his home village Ballaghy, of Irish Republican Army hunger striker, Francis Hughes, who died last Tuesday in the Maze prison near here.

The other three funerals were for a protestant milk delivery man caught by accident in the middle of rioting Republican youths, a Catholic teenage girl whose parents say she was killed by a plastic anti-riot bullet fired by security forces and a Republican gunman shot dead by British troops.

For the widow of milk delivery man Eric Guiney, it was the second funeral in four days. Her 14-year-old son also died when Guiney's milk cart crashed after it was stoned by the Catholic rioters. Thousands of Protestants attended the funeral in Belfast.

Elsewhere in Belfast weeping schoolgirls provided a guard of honor at the funeral of 14-year-old Julie Livingstone in sharp contrast to the funeral in Catholic west Belfast of Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) guerrilla Matt O'Carroll.

## On Lebanese crisis U.S. envoy briefs Fahd

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 16 — U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib briefed Crown Prince Fahd here Saturday on the American efforts to defuse tension between Syria and Israel. President Ronald Reagan sent Habib to the region following Syria's introduction of surface-to-air missiles into Lebanon to protect the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent against Israeli air strikes.

Israel claimed that the SAM-6s in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon "threatened its security". Syria maintained that the missiles were part of the ADF to keep peace in Lebanon torn by civil strife.

Sources close the delegation of Habib told *Arab News* Saturday that Habib explained to Prince Fahd the results of his talks with Syrian and Israeli officials in the past few days.

The sources added that Habib proposed a compromise solution between Syria's rejection to remove the missiles and Israel's threat to strike them out.

Habib "also briefed the Saudi Arabian government on the Lebanese crisis" the sources said.

Commentary by the government Riyadh Radio Friday indicated Saudi Arabia's support for Syria in the crisis. It said threat to peace was not the presence of Syrian missiles, but "Israel blowing up of the importance of this fact."

Syria shot down two Israeli reconnaissance planes this week. The incident spread fear that a major confrontation between Syria and the enemy was imminent.

In Beirut Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan Saturday conferred with U.S. ambassador Gunther Dean and Soviet Ambassador Alexander Soldatov. He said later he had summoned them for consultations on "certain aspects of the current crisis (in Lebanon) and to voice Lebanese concern at growing Israeli threats."

Lebanon had no desire for a war and refused to allow the country to be a battlefield, he said. It was up to the United States and the Soviet Union to bring pressure on Israel to prevent war.

After the meeting the Soviet ambassador spoke of the situation in Lebanon as "dangerous and tense."

Habib told correspondents that he had "no knowledge" of any movements of the Soviet fleet in the Mediterranean. "The Soviet Union is behind the Syrian policy aimed at putting an end to the fighting in Lebanon," Soldatov declared.

Acting on a U.S. State Department request, the U.S. Embassy in Beirut is sending nine dependents of the embassy staff home and is advising U.S. citizens to stay in the country only if they feel the need," a spokesman said Saturday.

Spokesman Boulos Malek said the embassy was not calling for mass evacuation of the 2,168 U.S. residents in Lebanon.

## Blast rocks Kennedy airport

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP) — A bomb went off in a rest room at Kennedy International Airport Saturday morning, seriously injuring one man and prompting evacuation of a jetliner and the Pan American World Airways terminal, airport authority police said. Port officials said a man identifying himself as a member of the "Puerto Rican Armed Resistance Group" called shortly before the 9:30 a.m. explosion and said bombs had been planted at the terminal and on a flight to Guatemala.

Police said one man was "severely" injured in the explosion; one of his arms was severed and his body burned. The unidentified man was taken to a hospital.

The terminal was evacuated after the blast and a search began for any other explosive devices. A plane destined for Guatemala was evacuated as well, an official spokesman said.

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# Chinese work on projects

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 16 — The two largest Chinese contracting companies here are at present engaged in SR 3.5 billion worth of projects, and expect to win more contracts in the near future, according to Chinese communications Minister Chin-shen Lin, who is visiting the Kingdom.

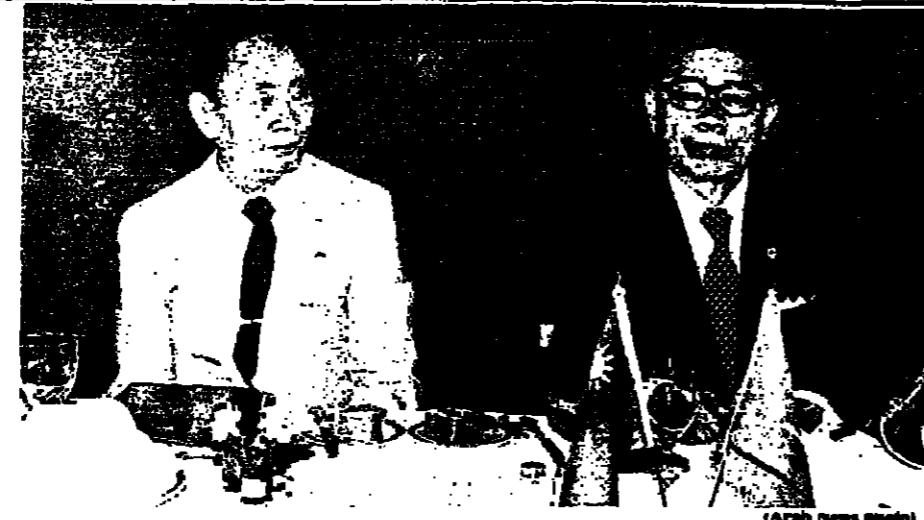
Lin told a press conference Saturday that the two companies Retser and Bev are engaged in road building, expanding the Jeddah naval facilities and building runways in Riyadh and other installations in Jeddah airport.

They have nearly 5,000 Chinese workers and staffers who make up nearly 50 per cent of the Chinese community in the country. Taif has the largest concentration of Saudi Arabian citizens of Chinese origin who speak and write both Arabic and Chinese with equal ease and competence.

As a guest of Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, Lin has been visiting various road and communications projects — especially the large engineering project at Shaa Pass in the Southern Region. The 58 kilometers of elevated highway high up in the mountains are some of the most difficult in the world today. The project is one of the proudest undertakings of the ministry which is using it as a major attraction for visiting dignitaries.

Lin also has visited some of the country's major hospitals including King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh, which impressed him greatly. He said that while the Chinese experts are always happy to be working here they are also "gaining a lot of experience by operating some of the advanced machinery and equipment which Saudi Arabia is acquiring."

The government of China, urged by President Chiang Ching-kuo, has responded to every request for experts made by the Kingdom."



VISIT: Chinese Communications Minister Chin-Sheng Lin (right) and China's ambassador to the Kingdom, Yu-chi Hsueh (left) discuss Chinese firms' projects being undertaken in the Kingdom, during a press conference in Jeddah Saturday.

## By agriculture minister Desalination plans ok'd

RIYADH, May 16 (SPA) — The Board of Directors of the Saline Water Conversion Organization approved plans Saturday to go ahead with the desalination projects for this year, including the Kharjji plant which is built to produce five million gallons a day.

The meeting, chaired by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water also approved the Haql plant, at one and a half million gallons; the second phase of Amaj at one million gallons and the third phase of Dhiba at also one million gallons a day.

The board also agreed to commission a feasibility study about a desalination plant in Qunfudah, along the Red Sea coast and reviewed the plans for plants in Makkah and Taif plus one in Asir, in the Southern Region.

The first seawater desalination project in the Kingdom was put into operation in 1959 (1969). Since then, the desalination program has witnessed considerable expansion. By 1979, eight plants were in operation, of which two are located on the Eastern Coast at Al-Khafji and Al-Khor and six on the Western coast at Jeddah, Haql, Wajh, Umlij, Dhiba and Farasan, according to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency 1979 report.

Work is underway on expanding existing

plants and constructing new ones to meet the expanding demand for potable water. Early in 1980 (1978) the second stage of the Jeddah plant became operational and began producing 10 million gallons per day and 80 megawatts of electricity.

Early in 1979 (1979), pre-operation tests on the plant's third stage expansion project were made producing 20 million gpd and 200 megawatts of electricity, the SAMA report added. The fourth-stage expansion project with a capacity of 50 million gpd and 500 megawatts of electricity is expected to become operational towards the end of 1980, bringing total plant capacity to 85 million gpd.

Considering that production from the plant's first and second stage of 15 million gpd represents about 40 per cent of the city's total water supply from natural resources (Wadi Fatima and Khulays), the plant's final capacity will release considerable quantity of natural water resources for agricultural use.

Kingdom gives aid to PLO

RIYADH, May 16 (SPA) — The government of Saudi Arabia has given the Palestine Liberation Organization additional financial aid to help it stand up to Zionist aggression in Southern Lebanon, according to the PLO representative here, Rafiq Natshaw.

Natshaw said this extra aid is "practical affirmation of the Saudi Arabian policy of support for the Palestinian revolution at the financial and military level."

Such aid has been rising ever since the revolution started in 1965. He hoped that other Arab states will honor their commitments to the PLO to help the Palestinians in facing singlehanded the Israeli army which was formed to fight all the Arab armies combined.

## Trade figures on the rise

### Saudi-American economic discussions begin

RIYADH, May 16 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian imports from the United States have increased 11-fold from SR1.7 billion in 1974 to about SR20 billion in 1980. Likewise, the Kingdom exports to America rose 12-fold in the same period from SR4.4 billion to SR56 billion.

The figures were given by Saudi Arabian Minister of Finance and National Economy Muhammad Aba Al Khail during the opening of the sixth session of the Saudi-American Economic Cooperation Commission Saturday.

The United States' delegation to the meetings was led by Treasury Secretary Donald Regan.

Aba Al Khail said U.S. firms played a notable role in implementing development projects in Saudi Arabia. "If we look at the U.S. private sector investments, in the form of Saudi-American joint companies, we find that it amounts to SR4.2 billion in 231 projects," Aba Al Khail said.

Commenting that the base of cooperation for the committee is providing know-how and expertise, the minister said the joint commission has carried out about 20 major programs for which 220 American experts are employed.

"This is what Saudi Arabia needs at this critical stage of its modern history," he added.

The programs cover such diverse aspects as technical training, agriculture, water resources, the development of national statistics, customs, consumer protection, highways maintenance, financial and economic information as well as solar energy. In addition, there is a number of other programs awaiting

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economic relations further. More importantly it has shown that there is more to this relationship than simply exchanging oil for manufactured goods and technical service.

"We believe that it is the right time now to promote and develop this dialogue and to provide it with the permanent framework in order to reflect the leading role which is being played by private sectors in both countries," Aba Al Khail said.

In defending the new administration's ambitious economic program, Regan told Saudi Arabia that the plan would enhance Saudi Arabian investments in the United States.

He told the opening session of the annual meeting of the Commission on Economic Cooperation that the reduction in inflation promised by the program is a result in continued strength of the dollar.

Oil prices denominated in dollars would contribute to increased stability and security of the purchasing power of your country," Regan said. He added that a higher real value of Saudi Assets held in the U.S. should also result.

President Reagan's economic plan calls for a sharp reduction in the rates of government spending and tax cuts over three years for both individual and business.

The spending portion of the plan already has passed Congress over the objection of some democrats who are concerned about reduction in social programs. The tax portion of the program which is far more controversial is currently being debated by the U.S. Congress and is likely to find the going much harder.

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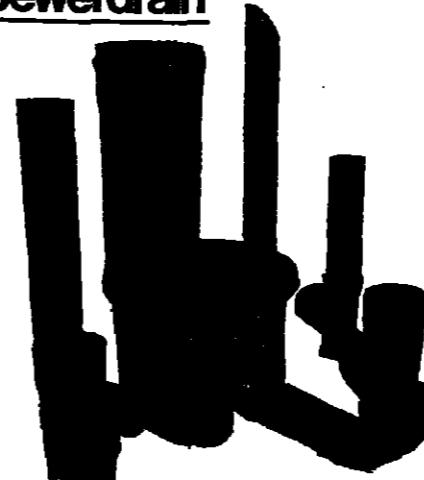
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## Jeddah budget increases 60 per cent

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 16 — This year's municipal budget increased 60 per cent over last year's and amounted to SR3.8 billion, according to Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi in a review of the achievements of the municipality and plans under construction.

In an interview with *Al Madina* Saturday he said that 85 per cent of last year's allocations actually were spent, which is a remarkable figure. The allocations covered some of the large projects of the city's Corniche which is rapidly extending into the Obhob Creek, asphalting and illuminating streets, as well as landscaping efforts.

The ambitious project to convert the neglected Khozam area into a public park is going smoothly and should be completed soon, the mayor said.

### COMMENT

By Dr. Abdul Wahhab Al-Hikmi

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There can be no doubt that the new state budget is a harbinger of welfare and prosperity. The state has doubled its benefits for the individual, and it is now for the latter to double his efforts and carry out his obligations as best as he can.

In this connection, the economists hold the view that the individual's purchasing power increases with the rise in his income and abundance in monetary fluidity. Since the people tend toward more consumption and luxury items, the demand for more goods leads to inflation in the prices. And this hike in the prices swallows the increases that the individual gets through a rise in the per capita income.

In order to avoid this phenomenon, it becomes the duty of the Ministry of Commerce to keep the prices of commodities under control. It is necessary

There are 16 sewage projects under construction in the city in addition to the proposed fish market, swimming pool inside the Khozam area, beautification programs, storm water disposal for new areas of the municipality and naming the streets.

There are 29 new projects for which funds have already been allocated, he said. The projects include a pedestrian tunnel to connect the eastern and western sides of the Corniche in the downtown area, expanding the quarantine street in the southern part of the city near the industrial zone, appropriating lands for development, asphalting some roads and planting trees along the new ring road outside the airport perimeter. The municipality also will order a feasibility study on the proposed zoo, which sources say will be one of the largest in the Middle East. It is

planned to be built in the southern part of the city near the Mecca highway and will become a park, a picnic ground and zoo at the same time once it is completed. But, according to municipal sources, it is still an idea and may take a few years to accomplish.

In other development, Taroot Municipality's budget for the current fiscal year amounted to SR57.6 million, according to Mayor Muhammad Al-Muslit. The allocated budget covers various construction projects for Taroot and surrounding areas.

The projects include asphalting, paving and illuminating Taroot's streets, building a vegetable and meat market, a public garden and appropriations for public services, the mayor said.

Muslit added that the municipality is carrying out a rush asphalt project for some streets of Taroot, Nabe, Bubaya and Zour. The project costs SR32 million. The municipality also is working on an SR2 million project to asphalt a road linking Taroot to Daraan and Taroot to Zour. It is expected to be completed in seven months. Muslit added that the municipality will be handed over a water network and tank project soon. The project has cost SR6 million, he said.

### BRIEFS

Educational TV seminar opens

RIYADH, May 16 (SPA) — A seminar on a Gulf educational television, organized by the Arab Gulf Educational Bureau, opened here Saturday. The seminar aims at discussing cooperation principles and exchange of expertise in producing educational television programs. It will recommend a list of priorities in regard to educational program at Gulf level.

Indonesian minister visits

JEDDAH, May 16 (SPA) — Indonesian Foreign Minister Kosama Iamaji arrived here Saturday on a few days' visit during which he will discuss promoting bilateral relations with officials here. The Indonesian minister will also perform the umra and visit the Prophet's Mosque in Medina. He was received by Foreign Minister Protocol Chief Salem Subul and Indonesian ambassador here.

British trade mission visit

JEDDAH, May 16 — Representatives of 17 British companies will visit the Kingdom from May 15 to 28 as members of the Birmingham Chamber of Industry and Commerce trade mission. The companies represent a range of products and services from high speed diesel engines and scientific instruments to education and training for management.

## FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, May 16 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan, has sent a cable of condolences on the death of President Benjamin H. Sheares of Singapore.

ABU DHABI, May 16 (WAM) — A delegation of 20 university students from different universities and colleges in Bangladesh and five teachers arrive in Abu Dhabi Sunday from Dacca on a goodwill visit to the United Arab Emirates.

During the visit, the delegation will visit the UAE university in Al Ain and meet teachers and students. The delegation will also visit other places of interest to see progress achieved in the country.

ABU DHABI, May 16 (WAM) — King Hussein of Jordan arrives here on Tuesday on a one-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates as part of a tour of number of countries in the region.

During the visit, King Hussein will have talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan dealing with the current Arab and international situation and promotion of bilateral relations.

### Arab investment policies criticized

RIYADH, May 16 (SPA) — Tunisian Finance and Planning Minister Mansour Al-Mutlaq expressed his rejection of the idea of investing Arab capital outside the Arab world. He said Arab countries have the capabilities to absorb investors capital.

In an interview with *Al Jadid* Saturday, Mula said investing in Arab countries may seem weak at present because some of these countries are not open to Arab capital investment under their economic policies. However, that does not justify investing Arab capital outside the Arab world, he added.

He called for neutralizing joint Arab economic work and keep it away from politics in all conditions and between the various Arab policies. Mula said although complete

ABU DHABI, May 16 (WAM) — Central Bank governors and directors of monetary authorities in seven Arab Gulf countries began talks on their monetary policies and review of banking facilities.

The conference, opened by IAE central bank governors, Abdul Malek Al Hamar, was also attended by representatives from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, and Oman. It will last two days.

The participants will also discuss a project on the settlement of payments among the member states a study of regional cooperation in banks' supervision and exchange of data on various monetary and financial activities in the region.

The agenda also includes a project calling for setting up a regional institute for monetary training on the Gulf level and other financial and administrative matters.

FUJAIRAH, May 16 (WAM) — Sheikh Hamad bin Muhammed al Sharqi one of the UAE seven member Supreme Council and ruler of Fujairah received here Saturday Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammed al Qassimi Supreme Council member and ruler of Sharjah. Sheikh Hamad bin Saif Al Sharqi deputy Ruler of Fujairah attended the meeting.

### Standards group issues ruling on appliances

RIYADH, May 16 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization issued new standard specifications for various materials. The proposed specifications were circulated to concerned government and private sector parties who were requested to give their opinion before the specifications are finalized.

The group of standard specifications included methods of examining both wall unit and split system air conditioner forms which operate with freon. They also included specifications for home electrical appliances which were divided into three categories.

The first part covers general use appliances and ways of examining them; the second involved electric motor equipment and electric heating appliances. The specifications for these items regard public safety conditions and general conditions for sound performances. SASO also issued specifications and ways of examining steel wires against pressure.

The organization called on the concerned parties to discuss the proposed specifications and express their opinion on the official endorsement. SASO's move aims to avoid any technical or economic problems which would arise from the application of the proposed compulsory standard specifications.

SASO is a state-authorized organization with the power to issue Saudi Arabian standard specifications. The specifications are compulsory and apply to all parties in importing or manufacturing merchandise.

### Prayer Times

Sunday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.17	4.12	3.43	3.27	3.52	4.17
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.17	12.18	11.49	11.56	12.00	12.30
Asr (Evening)	3.34	3.43	3.14	3.05	3.29	4.04
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.54	7.00	6.31	6.21	6.46	7.19
Isha (Night)	8.24	8.30	8.01	7.51	8.16	8.49

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### Convict beheaded

JEDDAH, May 16 (SPA) — A convicted criminal was beheaded Saturday in Mahayel village, in the southern Asir Region, an interior ministry statement said.

The statement said that Ahmed bin Muhammad bin Amer was convicted by the Sharia court for throwing his wife, Fatima bint muhammad bin Talem, in the village water well in which she died.

The statement added that the criminal committed his crime following a dispute with his wife.

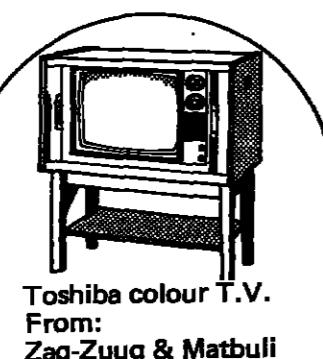
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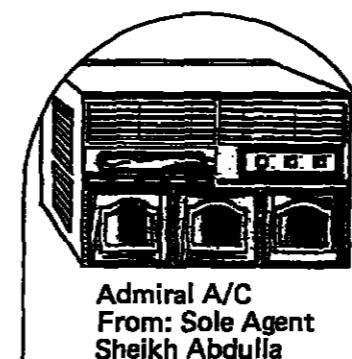


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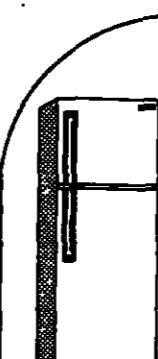


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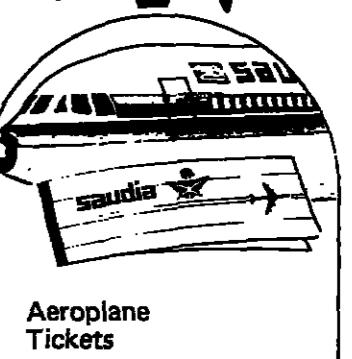
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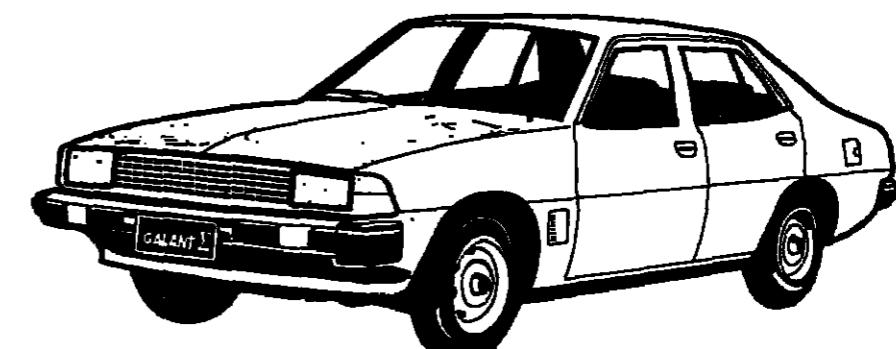
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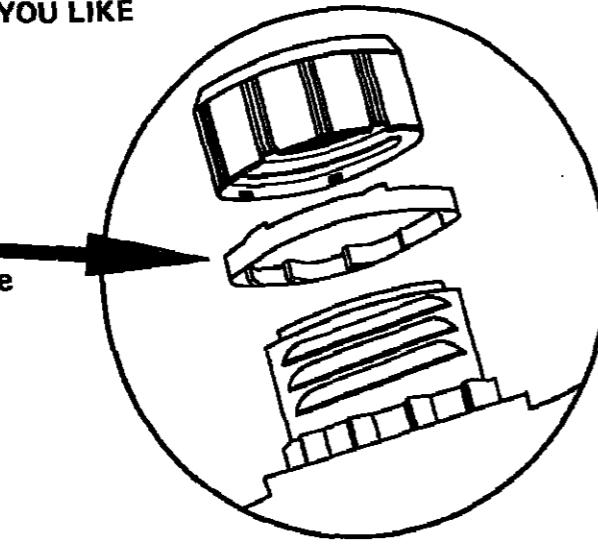
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## Somali refugees exhaust food stock

MOGADISHU, May 16 (R) — Tens of thousands of people in Somalia's flood-devastated Hiran province have exhausted their food stocks and emergency airifts are meeting only half their needs, the leader of a United Nations delegation has said.

Maxime-Leopold Zollner, director of assistance for the Geneva-based U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), told a news conference in the Somali capital Friday that Hiran's population was in desperate need of help. He described as inadequate the current, twice-daily airift of emergency food from Mogadishu to Hiran's capital of Belet Uen, where 25,000 residents have been camping on a hillside for two weeks since floods hit the town.

Heavy rains in the Ethiopian highlands after three years of drought have swollen Somalia's two main rivers, the Shebeli and the Juba, which both have their sources there. The rivers have broken their banks in at least 40 places in Somalia, flooding or isolating villages and the camps of 25,000 refugees from the strife of east Ethiopia.

The U.N. delegation is on a three-day visit to Somalia to monitor the floods and investigate reports that food relief meant for refugees is being stolen.

Zollner told the news conference his delegation had found some evidence of misappropriation but said it was not taking place on a large scale.



DESTRUCTION: Several lives have been lost and great damage has been done in the latest round of fighting going on in Lebanon. The picture shows a Beirut suburb in a shambles after a bomb explosion in the area, killing five persons and injuring 15 others.

## WHO accepts plan to shift office from Egypt

GENEVA, May 16 (R) — The World Health Organization (WHO) has adopted a compromise resolution by consensus to shift its regional office from Egypt to Jordan as Cairo has signed a peace treaty with Israel.

Compromise resolutions worked out in behind-the-scenes negotiations during the WHO annual assembly said there was agreement to "initiate action" on the move. But no time limit was set for moving the office from Alexandria, Dr. Z.M. Dlamini of Swaziland, chairman of an assembly committee of all

member states, said when he announced the compromise to the assembly.

The 156-state assembly approved the resolution by consensus. Backing the transfer to Amman, Saudi Arabia said 19 of the 23 countries in the region had not been able to use the services of the office for the past year because they had no diplomatic relations with Egypt.

Egypt told delegates the move would cost \$30 million, and other Arab states had agreed to pay only part of this. Iran also opposed a

transfer to Amman, saying another move might be necessary if Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel.

Sixteen Arab states had put forward a draft resolution for the transfer to Amman, while Afghanistan and Western nations, including Britain and the United States, drew up a draft which formed the basis of the compromise.

Dr. Dlamini said Canada, Nigeria, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other unnamed states met at the director-general's office for the private negotiations.

## Ethiopia said provoking groups to topple Barre

By Gordon Maclean

ADDIS ABABA, May 16 — Subtle moves are taking place in the troubled Horn of Africa to exploit Somalia. The chief saboteur is the government of Ethiopia, backed by the Soviet Union. The aim is to replace the government of President Siad Barre with a new regime which will conclude a peace treaty with Ethiopia over the long-disputed Ogaden and nullify the agreement Barre made recently with Washington for the use of Berbera port by the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force.

Barre's domestic policies are in a difficult juncture as a result of a series of disasters which have rocked the nation over the past three years. He was almost toppled in 1978 after the crushing defeat of invading Somali troops outside Harar by the Ethiopian army, supported by Cuban troops and Soviet advisers. Then followed two bitter years of drought and starvation as the population was swelled by 1,500,000 refugees, mostly ethnic Somalis who had fled from the Ogaden to seek food and escape Ethiopian retribution.

For the past two months, flash floods have caused widespread devastation. Countless homes have been swept away and now even more homeless are seeking shelter and food. A few days ago the Ethiopian government issued an official statement inviting Somalia to join a new regional grouping in the Horn of Africa to cooperate with Ethiopia's military rulers to bring about Barre's overthrow.

Success in neutralizing the Ogaden and safeguarding this sensitive border area would enable the Ethiopian regime to concentrate on trying to subjugate its secessionist opponents in the north, especially in Tigre province and Eritrea. But Barre's hopes for survival rest on the fact that the opposition is far from united. (London Observer Service.)

## War will continue, says Iran

BEIRUT, May 16 (Agencies) — Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, after a meeting of the Supreme Defense Council in Tehran, said Saturday the war between Iran and Iraq will continue if Iranian conditions submitted to the Islamic peace mission are not met, Tehran Radio reported.

Bani-Sadr was quoted by the radio as saying the proposals submitted by the goodwill mission which is headed by Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman and sponsored by the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) were "not final." "We cannot comply with them, for it is not clear what they are trying to see. First the ambiguities will have to be clarified so that the public can pass judgment on them," Bani-Sadr said, adding that Iran's position remained unchanged.

"We set our own conditions, if these conditions are met, so much the better, otherwise the war will continue," said the president.

## Shortages grip Afghanistan

By Anthony Hyman

SIX months, poor-quality meat has almost doubled; so has firewood, the only fuel for cooking and heating. Kabul's population has more than doubled. Villagers have poured in from all sides, wherever air-raids and ground offensives by the Soviet forces have destroyed homes and disturbed normal agricultural life. The responsibility for feeding the people now falls on the Russians.

In central Kabul, Soviet tanks have been withdrawn at cross-roads during curfew hours after successful attacks by freedom fighters. Few people doubt that many thousands of fighters are hiding in the city. On the political front, Soviet-directed repression is under way after the failure of earlier attempts to reconcile the people to Karmal. The official says the much-trumpeted release of 700 prisoners at the end of April did not impress Kabul's as they were not political; Pul-i-Charkhi, the grim, modern prison just outside the city, is completely full with 14,000 prisoners.

Government finances are as shaky as the war-ravaged economy. Official foreign currency reserves are run down, though traders in the bazaars still have large amounts. The scarcity of firewood means that even well-off householders have cut down their trees.

The official says it is more and more common to hear Kabulis of all political views say that only ex-King Zahir Shah, exiled in Rome since 1973, can save Afghanistan from foreign occupation and civil war. (London Observer Service.)

## On Greek islands

## Turkey denies seeking foreign help

ATHENS, May 16 (AP) — The Turkish ambassador to Athens has denied a report by a Turkish news agency that the Turkish government is seeking the intervention of foreign powers to back demilitarization of two Greek islands near the Turkish coast, a government said.

The denial, made to the Greek foreign ministry Friday came after the Turkish news agency Akajans reported that the Ankara government would seek the intervention of Germany, Austria, France, Great Britain, Italy and Russia, parties to a 1913 treaty on the status of the Aegean Islands, to insist on demilitarization of the Greek islands of Limnos and Samothrace. The spokesman said.

Greece sent military forces to the two Greek islands at the entrance to the Dardanelles on the Turkish Aegean coast following the 1974 clash between Greece and Turkey over the invasion of Cyprus, when the neighboring NATO countries reached the brink of war. Athens maintains that the islands were armed for defensive purposes.

Turkey has repeatedly maintained that the arming of the islands is illegal, while Greece claims that militarization is permitted under a 1936 Montreux treaty.

## BRIEFS

KUWAIT, (AP) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has cashiered 37 high-ranking army officers as part of a crackdown on opposition elements in that country, the newspaper *Al Watan* reported Saturday. It said the officers included nine generals, seven brigadiers and 21 colonels and lieutenant colonels.

PARIS, (AP) — Cooperation between France and Libya will undergo "some development" during Francois Mitterrand's term as French president, the Libyan News Agency Jana Friday quoted the French Socialist Party official for foreign relations as saying.

OTTAWA, (AP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau left Ottawa Friday night for a four-day visit to Algiers and Rome. The prime minister will meet Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and Italian Premier Arnaldo Forlani before returning home Tuesday.

ROME, (AP) — A powerful bomb exploded Friday night outside the office of El Al,

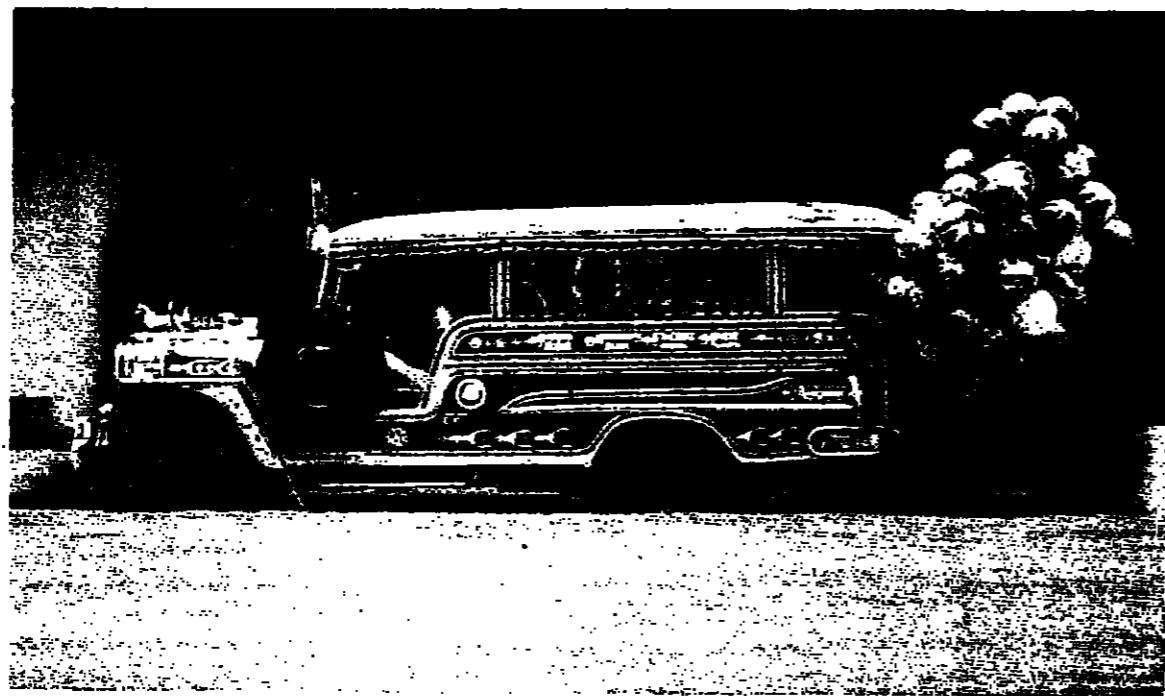
Israel's airline, police said. There were no immediate reports of injuries. Police blocked the major downtown street, Via Bissolati, while bomb experts searched for other possible explosives planted in the area.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — After spending \$3 million on a house that no U.S. ambassador to Egypt ever occupied, the embassy is trying to sell it and is building a new one that will cost \$2 million. The U.S. General Accounting Office says.

NEW YORK, (AP) — About 500 professional and clerical employees of Israel Bonds Organization Friday struck work complaining that proposed salary increases would not keep up with inflation and that management wanted to make cuts in health insurance benefits.

TEHRAN, (AP) — Enemies of Mehdi Bazargan, who headed Iran's provisional government after the Islamic revolution, attempted to hire a former soldier to assassinate him, the daily *Mizan* reported Saturday.

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In Europe

# U.S. thinks Soviets keep more missiles

WASHINGTON, May 16 (Agencies) — The Russians are on their way to deploying more SS-20 intermediate-range missiles than NATO officials anticipated and this could result in a larger warhead gap in the Soviets' favor, a U.S. defense official has said.

"They are now going beyond the number we projected in 1979," when NATO agreed to try to counter the SS-20 buildup with plans



**SALVADOR REFUGEE:** This elderly woman is among 11,000 refugees who have poured into Berlin, El Salvador, recently trying to escape the fighting between the American-backed military junta and forces making efforts to form a popular government. Doctors say the onset of the rainy season and lack of medicine pose major health problems.

## Two students hurt in Indian police firing

NEW DELHI, May 16 (AP) — Riot police opened fire on thousands of rioting students at India's Aligarh Muslim University Friday, seriously wounding two youths, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

It marked the second occasion this week that police had fired on agitating students at Aligarh, 120 kms southeast of New Delhi. One student was shot and killed and three others wounded last Tuesday when the Central Reserve Police (CRP) — opened fire on youths who hurled brickbats at Vice Chancellor Sayed Hamid's residence.

Officials said the students Friday turned violent after they staged a demonstration outside the university library demanding the vice chancellor's resignation.

## Columbus remembered

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts, May 16 (AP) — For the first time, one hundred representatives from 5 countries are attending a conference here commemorating Christopher Columbus' discovery of the New World.

Representatives from Europe, including Italy and Spain, his homeland and the land he died for, respectively, North and South America and the Caribbean as well as delegates from many international organizations are on hand for the three-day event.

Former U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke, is chairing the conference, which began Thursday.

to deploy new long-range theater nuclear missiles by the mid-1980s, said the official, who briefed newsmen under rules protecting his anonymity.

He said Friday NATO intelligence "assumed a tapering off that we now think will not take place and by the end of this year, we expect they will reach our original projection for SS-20 end strength," he said. "clearly, they are going beyond that."

The SS-20 is a mobile missile with a range of about 4,425 kms. Deployed in western Russia, each missile is equipped with three nuclear warheads which could reach all of Western Europe.

The defense official said that according to the most recent intelligence, the Russians now have about 250 SS-20 launchers in place. He did not say so, but it is known that a significant number of these face China and thus are not a threat to NATO unless redeployed. He did not give figure for the old NATO projection of end strength or any new one.

This official gave no new estimate of the ultimate force of SS-20s that may be arrayed by the Soviets.

Former U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown's final report to Congress last January said that about 180 SS-20 launchers were in place. The official who met reporters Friday said "the pace has increased."

The NATO nations agreed in 1979 on deployment by the United States of 572 Pershing II ballistic missiles and new ground-launched cruise missiles by late 1983. These missiles, with a range of 2,400 kms could reach Russian targets.

The official noted that even with the original estimate of the ultimate size of the SS-20 force, the Russians would enjoy an advantage in warheads because the SS-20 carries three while the Pershings and cruise missiles each are designed to carry one.

If the ultimate Soviet force is greater than as now appears likely, the warhead disparity will be even greater, according to this official. He also stressed that NATO counts only SS-20 launchers and that he believes the Russians will plan for a "reload" capacity which would give them at least a second shot from each launcher.

The official discussed SS-20s in outlining NATO plans to prepare for negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union on limiting or reducing theater nuclear forces on both sides, including other nuclear weapons, such as shorter-range battlefield weapons and aircraft capable of hitting ground targets with nuclear weapons.

Although the United States and some allies have deployed nuclear weapons in Europe for years, the official said none of them has the range to strike significantly deep into the Soviet Union, although many of them can hit objectives in the Warsaw Pact countries.

Under questioning, he said talk between the United States and Russia on theater nuclear weapons will go ahead whether or not there is a resumption of talks limiting strategic nuclear weapons. The United States will act for its allies in negotiating theater weapons limitations.

A special group of NATO specialists called the "high-level group" has been assigned the job of updating assessments of the Soviet theater nuclear threat in preparation for the first expected meetings on the question next fall between U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Meanwhile, NATO military maneuvers, allegedly moving steadily closer to Soviet bloc territory, are causing mounting concern in Moscow. The armed forces newspaper *Red Star* charged Saturday that each year the United States and the Atlantic alliance move both land and naval maneuvers closer to the borders of Warsaw Pact members.

## Suit filed in Washington

### Ontario fights battle over acid rain pollution

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 16 (R) — Canadian complaints that their lakes are being polluted by acid rain carried across the United States border from the state of Ohio have started an international legal tangle.

Environmentalists in Canada, who have complained about the acid rain, say the pollution comes mainly from the lines of smelters along the heavily-industrialized U.S. side of Lake Erie.

The issue seemed to be dormant until the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intervened earlier this year and suggested it might take action against states using pollution in Canada. The move prompted the Canadian state of Ontario to file a suit in Washington in the name of Queen Elizabeth, Canada's sovereign, to stop pollution from Ohio.

Acid rain is caused by sulphur dioxide mainly produced by burning coal and oil in car exhausts. The sulphur dioxide is carried by winds into the atmosphere where it mixes with nitrous oxides and moisture and falls back to earth in rain and snow. When the weather is dry, it often comes

down in solid particles known as acid grit.

The American Lung Association says U.S. factories, smelters and cars emit 30 million tons of sulphur dioxide each year and experts estimate that half to two-thirds descends in rains, snow or grit. Prevailing winds carry some of the sulphur dioxide into Canada where environmentalists say the resulting acid rain is a serious ecological threat which has "killed" a number of lakes in Ontario, destroying fish and other forms of aquatic life.

At the beginning of the year the EPA suggested in a press release that it might initiate action against states causing sulphur dioxide pollution which resulted in acid rain falling on Canada. The action would have to be taken under a previously unused section of the clean Air Act dealing with trans-boundary pollution.

The act allows the EPA to order states to reduce air pollution if it is endangering the environment of a foreign country, provided that country has similar legislation. Canada has just passed a law enabling it to crack down on provinces polluting U.S. air.

Although the EPA did not name any

Washington Post for the newspaper's Saturday editions.

Carol Meyer, a former CIA official, wrote in his column in Friday's *Washington Star*, "the KGB chiefs in Moscow will find it incredible that the Americans should entrust the DDO responsibility to someone with virtually no previous experience, and they undoubtedly searching their files for evidence of Hugel's role as a longtime undercover agent. They will find nothing of the sort." "The CIA was stunned," Meyer wrote.

Not all comment was critical. John Greaney, executive director of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, said, "it might be better to hold off and see what kind of job he does."

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## Equatorial Guinea snubs Soviet Union

By John Gretton

LONDON —

The Soviet Union has been asked by Equatorial Guinea to reduce its embassy staff in Malabo from a massive 195, or nearly one for every 2,000 of the population, to a more modest 15. The request followed an attempted coup last month which resulted in a shootout in the capital and 180 arrests. Disagreement between President Obiang Nguema and Vice-President Maye Ela over the importance of cooperation with the Soviet Union appeared to have been at the heart of the conflict.

Although the vice-president, a naval commander, has retained his post, those arrested included nearly all the country's 50 naval officers. The Soviet Union has also been asked to quit the fishing base it had established in the port of Luba.

Tribal rivalries and resentment at the presence of 400 Moroccan troops, at least two of whom were killed in the fighting, appeared to have played their part as well. The Moroccan contingent arrived in 1979 and helped to overthrow the regime of the previous president, Marcos Nguema.

Soviet influence has been strong for more than a decade in the former Spanish colony. Russian trawlers have a virtual monopoly of fishing, but a planned cannery factory at San Carlos was turned into a naval base. During the fighting in Angola, Soviet weapons were unloaded there for the MPLA. A Soviet radar station has been built on the island of Fernando Po and the island of Annabon has served as a supply base for the Russian Atlantic fleet.

After the 1979 coup, Russian influence declined. With almost unseemly haste, Spain, the former colonial power, came rushing back with promises of aid. In particular, it negotiated a fishing agreement that was a heavy blow to the Russians. However, the 1979 coup was more of a palace revolution than a genuine revolt and many of those involved in the former regime and who are therefore connected with the Russians have remained in power. (ONS)

**Abscam traps last crooked congressman**

By Peter Pringle

WASHINGTON —

With the conviction of Senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey on bribery charges, the FBI has closed its files, for the moment, on the U.S. Justice Department's most sweeping undercover operation to trap crooked congressmen. Codenamed Abscam, the "sting" has led to the conviction on corruption charges of 16 persons including six members of former members of the House of Representatives.

For two years, scores of FBI agents, sometimes posing as Arabs, used millions of dollars and held secret meeting in motel rooms, airport lobbies and aboard a yacht offering a variety of bait from bundles of dollar bills to shares in a titanium mine. In many cases they used hidden cameras to catch the wayward congressmen in the act of committing a crime. Senator Williams was filmed agreeing to use his influence to get contracts for the titanium mine.

Williams was the first United States senator since 1905 to be convicted on criminal charges while in office and only the third in history, according to Senate historians. Williams, who is 61, faces up to 15 years in prison.

Richard Kelly, a lanky 56-year-old Florida Republican, was filmed in an unforgettable sequence stuffing \$25,000 in cash into his jacket pockets. Later, in a remarkable interview on national television, Kelly was willing to explain in detail how he managed to get all the notes into his pockets.

All members of Congress are appealing against their convictions. A handful of other related cases remain of middlemen, public officials, lawyers and go-between picked as the FBI's net widened.

Abscam began in February 1978 when an FBI informer told the bureau he knew who was holding two stolen 17th century paintings, one of them a Rubens. Posing as representatives for a wealthy man who wanted to buy the paintings, FBI agents recovered them and, because the operation went so smoothly, the FBI decided to use the same technique to investigate racketeering and political influence peddling. By offering commission to a wider circle of informants and shadowy middlemen, the FBI was able to find a number of public officials who boasted their influence, and offered to use it in various ways — including helping the "clients" overcome immigration difficulties. In exchange, they received hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash bribes.

The whole affair has been surrounded by much controversy over whether the techniques used by the FBI should be considered as entrapment. After Williams' conviction, the Senate minority leader, Robert Byrd, a Democrat said he thought the FBI had "stretched" it (the law) pretty far.

At one point Williams was taped flatly refusing a cash bribe from a phony man. And two Justice Department prosecutors testified for his defense because they were offended by the efforts of one undercover man to put words in Williams' mouth.

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

Saturday's issue of the Kingdom's newspapers mostly led with reports on a war atmosphere owing to Israel's intransigent and wanton behavior. *Al Riyad* led with "Soviet and American moves in the Mediterranean Sea", while *Al Medina* and *Al Nadwa* also mentioned the reinforcement of Russian and American fleets in the Mediterranean. *Al Bilad* said in a lead story that Israel is planning fresh aggression on Lebanon. *Al Jazirah* also said in a lead story that, while efforts were being made to ease tension between Syria and Israel, the whole region emanated an atmosphere of war.

Newspapers frontpaged Egypt's declared intention to remain neutral if an armed clash occurs between Syrian and Israeli forces. In a page one story, a majority of newspapers reported that the meeting of the Saudi-American joint commission for economic cooperation would begin in Riyadh.

The arrival of Dr. Van Der Klaauw, Dutch Foreign Minister and Chairman of the European Economic Community's Parliament, was another prominent front-page story in the newspapers, which said that Klaauw will discuss the European initiative and other matters of mutual concern during his talks with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal. In a prominent page one story, *Al Jazirah* highlighted Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda's call to the Arabs to invest their capitals in agricultural and tourist projects in Zambia.

Newspaper editorials mostly concentrated on the explosive situation in the Middle East. *Al Riyad*

said in the prevailing circumstances, it would be senseless for the Arabs to show any retreat, as it will mean the loss of a big opportunity to assert their presence in the military field. Despite all the rifts here and there, the Arabs are prepared to accept the Israeli challenge, said the paper, adding that this positive shift in the Arab stance has made U.S. emissary Philip Habib remain longer in the region. It asserted, however, that Habib's presence in the region will not be able to prevent a likely clash. In this connection, the paper made a reference to the arrival of Soviet and American aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean and wondered whether this step could mean anything but war?

*Al Nadwa* held the view that Israeli action against Syria or its missiles will not only threaten the region but will expose the whole world to a general conflagration. While the Zionists are bent upon their aggressive and destructive activities, the Arabs cannot afford to overlook any attempt toward the formation of a powerful united front, in complete coordination with Syrian and full preparation for supporting Syria in its confrontation with the Zionist enemy, said the paper. It urged the Arabs to take such a step urgently, in order to dissipate the enemy's false notion of enjoying the right to Arab lands.

Commenting on the Israeli clamor over the shooting down of its pilotless plane by Arab missiles, *Al Medina* scoffed at the enemy's outcry by saying that it was not a civilian plane which was overflying Arab territory for a relaxation. The

paper reminded Israel that Lebanon is a sovereign country and member of the Arab League and the United Nations, and its territory and air space are not places for military maneuvers by the Israeli forces. The paper said Israel is magnifying the matter so it can obtain a green signal from the U.S. to embark on a fresh military venture under the pretext of a preventive action.

*Al Bilad*, in an editorial, expressed the belief that Israel is making all its political and military moves to encompass and destroy Lebanon. Therefore, it said, the Lebanese politicians warning brings the Arabs to their historic responsibility of saving Lebanon from Zionist destructive designs. The paper, though, conceded that the Arab leaders realize the meaning of losing Lebanon, yet it urged them to make an urgent and positive move to save it from disintegration.

In a reference to Dutch Foreign Minister Klaauw's visit to the Kingdom, *Okaz* noted that the visit takes place at a time when the region seems to be on the brink of war. In view of Israel's rejection of the European initiative, the paper hoped that Klaauw will already have realized that Israel is the real enemy of peace and a prominent factor in disturbing the security and stability of the region. Under the prevailing circumstances, and in view of its own vital interests in the region, Europe would do well to recognize the PLO and to ask Israel to withdraw immediately and unconditionally from all occupied Arab lands, the paper said.

On the other hand, *Al Jazirah* discussed the

upcoming Arab Foreign Ministers' Conference in Baghdad and the participation of the Islamic Goodwill Committee in its deliberations. Referring to Iran's view that the committee's participation will adversely affect its neutral character and will, at the same time, fortify Iraq's position, the paper advised Iran not to repeat its earlier mistake when it had accused Habib Chatti, the secretary general of

the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), of being biased toward Iraq, but later expressed its confidence in him as a Muslim keen on the sublime interests of Islam. It started upon both Iraq and Iran the need to practice flexibility in their approaches, so that a peaceful solution could be found to the destructive war now draining out their human and material resources.

— Al Riyad



## Giscard rebuffed by own party

By Jeffrey Ulrich

PARIS —

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, rejected by voters in last Sunday's election, has suffered a second and even more unkind cut — the rebuff of his own political party in the scramble to save the right in the coming legislative elections. The day after his stunning loss to Socialist Francois Mitterrand, Giscard issued a bitter statement referring to the "pre-meditated treachery" that led to his defeat. There was little doubt he was referring to Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac.

Chirac, leader of the Gaullist Party, waged a fierce campaign against both Giscard and Mitterrand in the first round of the election last month. In the second round, he gave less than wholehearted support to the incumbent president.

As soon as the results of the election became known, Chirac moved quickly — some felt too quickly — to assume the leadership of the right. He called on conservative parties to present a single candidate in each constituency during the parliamentary elections to enhance their chances

of returning to power. Trading was mixed but many of the 108 of the 200 issues that showed heavy losses earlier in the week posted gains.

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Meanwhile, the French government announced it was suspending delivery of warships to Iran, Libya and Argentina until Mitterrand takes office.

Mitterrand plans to dissolve the National Assembly and call for new elections shortly after he takes office later this month. Giscard said Thursday he will be ready for a transition as early as Tuesday.

Mitterrand's call for new elections, expected in June, is an effort to gain a majority of Socialists and Communists in the parliament. The conservatives and centrists are hoping to maintain their majority and remain in a position to block Mitterrand's Socialist economic programs.

The election of Mitterrand, who has promised widespread nationalization of industries, public jobs programs and other major economic steps, caused a turmoil in the investment world. Selling orders swamped the floor of the exchange this week. But the market appeared to be returning to normal Thursday, although there was still a heavy volume of trade. Trading was mixed but many of the 108 of the 200 issues that showed heavy losses earlier in the week posted gains.

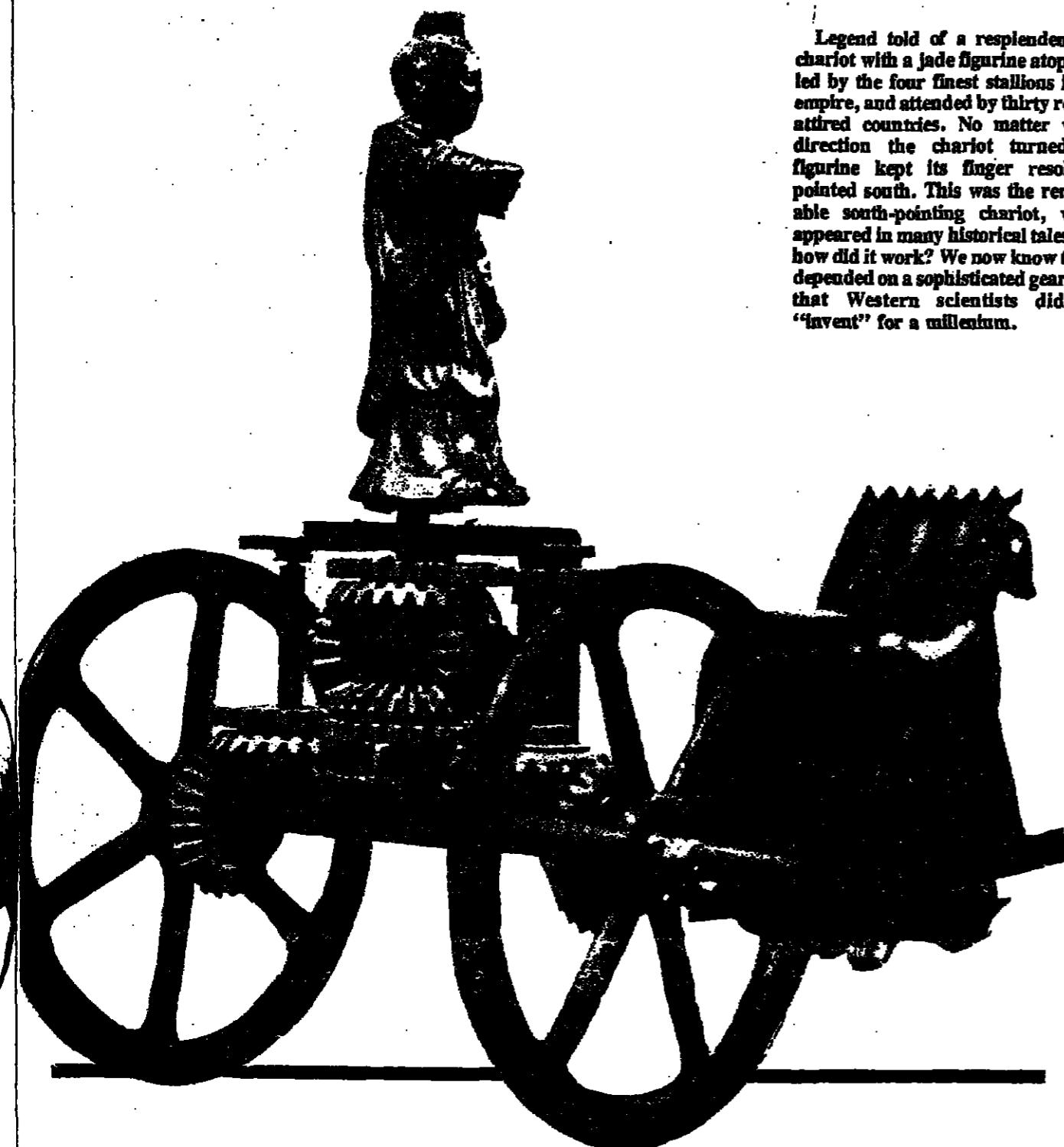
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The legislative election, like the presidential voting, is conducted in two rounds. If no candidate wins a clear majority in the first round, the two candidates with the largest number of votes face off in the second round one week later.

The UDF-Gaullist deal appears to have left Giscard out in the cold. One high UDF official intimated in private conversation Wednesday that perhaps it was time for the president to step out of the political scene for a while. Giscard said already indicated he has no plans to run for a seat in the National Assembly. (AP)



Philip Habib muses whether the partitioning of Lebanon will please Begin.



FINGER: The outstretched finger of the chariot on the south-pointing chariot indicates south, or whatever direction it is set for, no matter which way the vehicle turns.

### Science not purely Western discipline!

## Chinese differential gearwork keeps chariot pointing south

TAIPEI — A visitor to Taiwan's National Science Museum might be surprised to see a working replica of a Chinese chariot that used differential gearwork similar to the automobile's while the West was still limping through the Dark Ages. The fact that the West has led China in science since the Renaissance has caused many people to accept the mistaken orthodoxy that science is purely Western discipline, and that Asians must study the Western heritage in order to develop scientifically. This is a myth that the National Science Museum is dispelling.

The Museum has begun an edifying series of exhibits which will draw both Western and Chinese attention to the many remarkable scientific developments of the ancient Chinese. It has allocated funds to commission any prominent Chinese scientists to search and build replicas of some of old China's advanced developments for display in the museum, as well as in museums all over the country. The laudable aim is to instill in Chinese youth an understanding of and pride in their great scientific legacy, and an eagerness to strive for the inventiveness and eminence of their ancestors, who were some of the most scientifically advanced people on earth.

Chinese were reading books printed on movable-type presses before Gutenberg had even read, and museum visitors will see what they were printed. Chinese musicians

were playing tempered instruments when Bach had to switch instruments to switch keys, and the advanced math and physics behind this development will be graphically presented. A highly accurate water clock, the likes of which were never dreamed of in the West at the time, will be presented in all its genius. Most amazingly, thanks to Prof. Liu Tien-yi, visitors will see a working model of the south-pointing chariot, whose internal gearwork anticipated the automobile's differential by centuries.

Prof. Liu, chairman of the mechanical engineering department at National Central University, was commissioned last year to work on the south-pointing chariot. He began by sifting through the writings of Western sinologists and engineers on the subject. The chariot was long confused with the compass because of linguistic and functional similarity. Efforts to reconstruct it on this basis were doomed to failure, since it had nothing to do with magnetism. Attempts to reconstruct a mechanically dependent south-pointing chariot were inconclusive at best. A number of feasible and nearly feasible gearworks were suggested, but many scholars dismissed the chariot as spurious legend.

Liu was not at all satisfied with these findings. He was particularly intrigued by the suggestion of the engineer George Lanchester that the chariot might have worked on the principle of a differential. But Lanchester

was not a sinologist, and his theory had been scoffed at for misinformation and lack of textual corroboration. Liu thought he could give credence to Lanchester's idea. Equipped with his knowledge of engineering and mechanics as well as his native interest and background in Chinese belles-lettres, he went back to the original Chinese manuscripts.

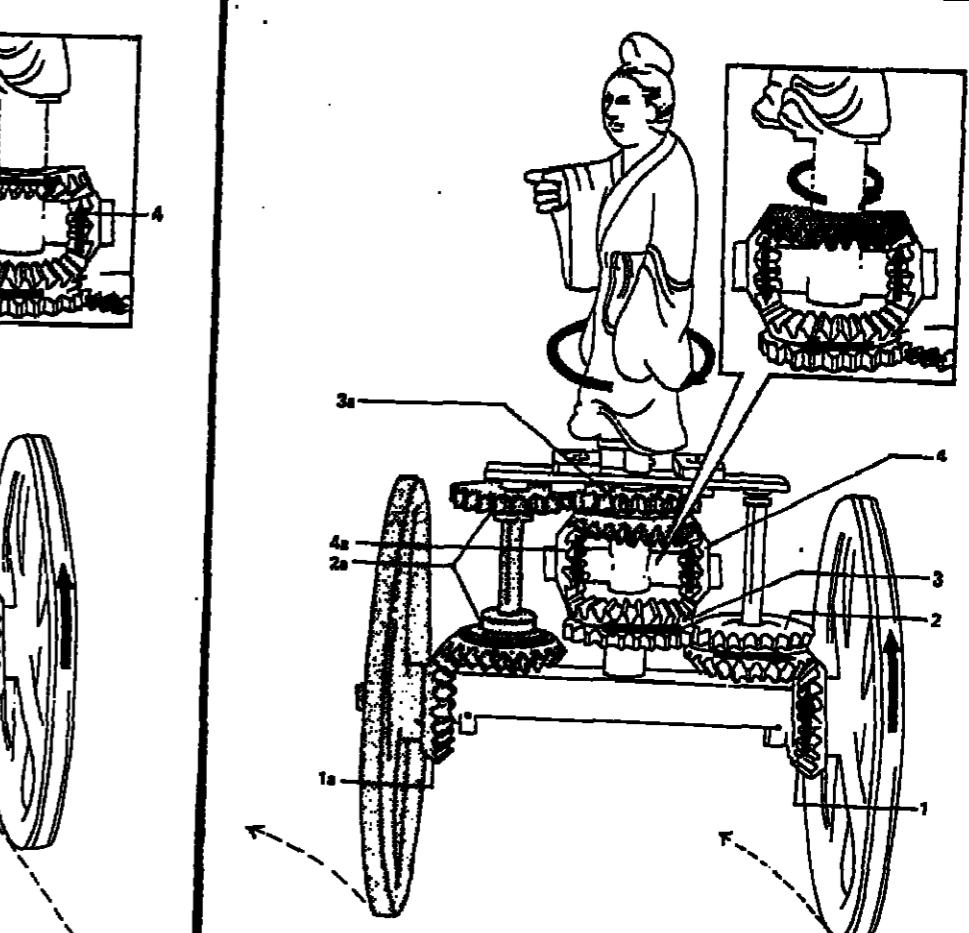
He found an elusive but tantalizing trail which stretched all the way back to the Yellow Emperor. Tradition has it that the Yellow Emperor made the first one, and used it in battle to defeat the rebel Chi Yu, who had created a neolithic smoke screen to confuse his sense of direction. Similar tales surround the Duke of Chou, who ordered the chariot made to guide ambassadors over the long stretches they had to travel.

The first written records of south-pointing chariot occur in the Six Dynasties period. The accomplished engineer Ma Chun is said to have built one in 233 A.D. to convince skeptics at the Wei court that it did exist. Another was built between 394 and 416 A.D. for Tsin Emperor Yao Hsing. Historical references mention the relative unreliability of these vehicles, some apparently requiring a man inside to adjust and/or operate the machinery. Such inefficiency was hardly befitting an imperial vehicle, so in 479 Emperor Kao Ti commissioned the mathematician Hui Heng to reconstruct the chariot. The new mechanism would allow both the idling gears and the horizontal bar to rotate counter-clockwise according to the ratio between the large gear speeds. Of course, if the left wheel turned faster, the bar would rotate counter-clockwise accordingly.

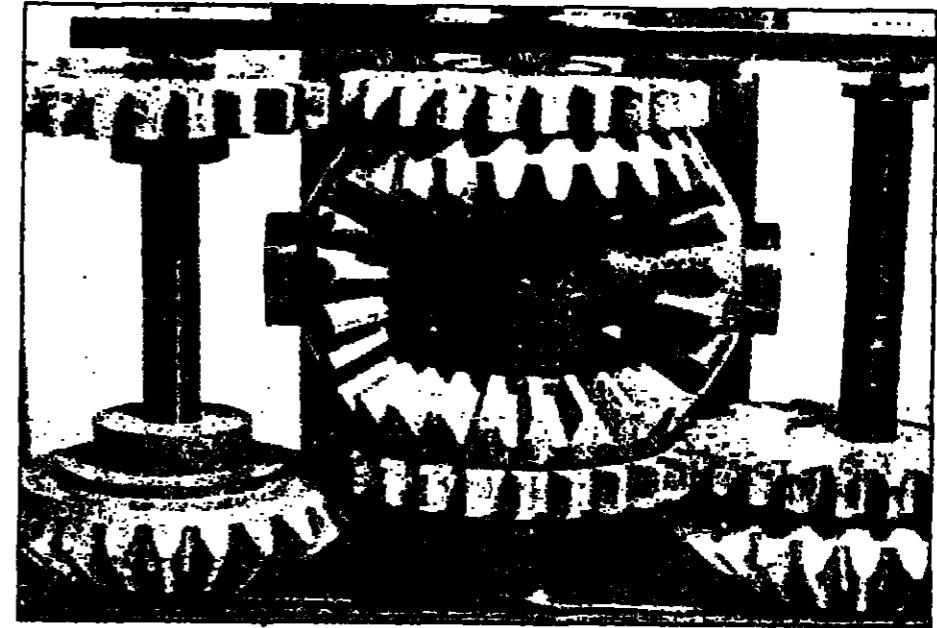
The bar, however, rotates in relation to the vehicle. When a vehicle is rolling down a road, the wheels turn at different speeds only when the vehicle itself is turning. Since the angle of the turn is directly proportional to the relative wheel and gear speeds, the idling

gears and free-floating bar will be in a constant position in relation to the earth. All one needs to do is affix a vertical shaft with a pointing figure to this bar. The figure will continue to point in the same direction no matter how the vehicle turns.

Upon verifying this for himself, Liu lost no time in designing an accurate replica of the chariot on the basis of specifications in the Sung manuscript. He contacted the Industrial Technology Research Institute and Development Center with his blueprints. They cast the gears at their foundry in Hsinchu, and had the body built at their factory in Kaohsiung. When Liu assembled them into a full-scale model, again according to the Sung official history, he found that the south-pointing chariot worked just as the ancients had said. The ITTRIDC quickly got busy building 20 smaller scale models for museums all over the island, and the full-scale model took



THE CHARIOT: When the chariot travels in a straight line, the left and right gears turn at the same rate. The idling gears 4 and 4a thus spin freely in a constant position. But when the chariot turns left, right wheel traces a wider arc than the left one, and so must turn faster. Gear 1, fixed to the right wheel, powers gears 2 and 3 to spin faster than the corresponding gears powered by the left wheel. Since 4 and 4a are powered by both 3 and 3a, they will register the fact that 3 is turning faster than 3a by rotating counterclockwise in sympathy with gear 3. When the chariot's turn is completed, the wheels and gears will again spin at the same rate. Power will be equalized, and gears 4 and 4a will idle in their "new" position. But if the chariot has turned 83 degrees to the left, for example, the inverted power of the differential will have made gears 4 and 4a, the bar between them, and the shaft and pointer attached to it rotate 83 degrees in the opposite direction, allowing them to maintain a constant position in relation to the earth.



GEARS CONTROL: The secret of the south-pointing chariot is its differential gearing. Shown in detail above, the vertical idling gears control the movement of the pointer's shaft, since the shaft is supported only by the bar between them. If one of the horizontal gears that control their spinning moves faster than the other one, it will cause the idling gears to rotate in its direction. They will carry the bar between them, thereby shifting the position of the pointer shaft affixed to it.

its place at the National Science Museum. The secret that in ancient times was known only to the initiated, and in modern times has merely been speculated about and scoffed at, has now been revealed to all.

This, the first of the Museum's exhibits about ancient Chinese science, is being followed by many more. Each will answer age-old questions about the scientific achievements of the ancient Chinese. At the same time, they will raise new questions. For if a fully operational south-pointing chariot existed in 1027, can we flippantly dismiss references to south-pointing chariots that go back as far as the Yellow Emperor? How many other scientific devices and techniques that scholars have written off as fantasy actually existed? Most importantly, what new scientific developments can we expect from new generations of Chinese, whose ancestors led the world in science? (Courtesy of Sinorama)

## Researcher discovers whistle broadcast from ear

By Philip J. Hill

WASHINGTON, (WP) — Not long ago, electronics researcher Patrick Zurek, studying the way sounds entering the ear interfere with each other, put a tiny microphone to his ear. To his surprise, he heard his ear sing.

His sounds were not echoes, nor was it a case of tinnitus — the ringing or roaring sounds some people complain of hearing in their ears. Rather, it was a steady broadcast from the inside of his right ear. When he closed his left ear, he found a similar high-pitched whistle being broadcast from it.

He quickly asked a colleague to put a gage in his ear as well. His colleague's ears were even louder than Zurek's. Knowing he onto something, Zurek began a series of experiments with William Clark at the Center for the Deaf in St. Louis, to look for ear broadcasts in animals and people.

He ear, it turns out, not only receives but sends out its own signals. When he began to look into the medical literature, Zurek found several references to the phenomenon: In one case, a young woman's ear gave off a sound loud enough to be heard by others a mile of feet away.

Whenever the woman tried to play piano with her sister, the sister complained she couldn't concentrate on what she was doing because of her sister's ear whistle.

Paradoxically, it has been found that the ears with the healthiest cochlea produce the greatest distortion in incoming sounds. Damaged cochlea produce very little distortion in incoming sound, for reasons the researchers haven't yet uncovered.

Zurek said it is conceivable that the differ-

ence in distortion patterns might at some time be able to give accurate diagnoses of healthy or damaged cochlea. If healthy cochlea produce one kind of distortion, and damaged cochlea produce another, testing for the differences could allow doctors to recognize and treat the damaged cochlea.

Doctors over the years haven't known just what to make of the complaints of whistling ears, especially because of the fact that even those with loudest ear whistles cannot hear their own ears whistling. In Zurek's experi-

ments, 32 people were checked for ear broadcasts, and exactly half were found to have them. Several had the whistle in two ears.

In testing 22 chinchillas, Zurek found no ear tones. But after giving the animals some doses of medium-loud noises, they found that two of the animals had developed full-blown cases of whistling ear. In humans, and animals, the whistling is steady and continuous, never stopping except when interfered with by other sounds coming into the ear.

The water cannon's barrel has been made from parts of four 17-pounder anti-tank World War II guns. Later, a more elaborate field gun will be made for wider tests before a production prototype is made. The cannon's developer, Dr. Roy Henderson, says that so far as he knows no new technology in oil fire fighting methods has been developed anywhere in the world since the explosive technique was first used around 1950, although refinements to that method have been made.

As well as refining the water cannon technique, he will work on development of other methods of oil well control, such as a special surface control capping device.

The project also involves the training of Saudi Arabian engineers for four weeks in improved fire fighting techniques, especially for oil well fires. The first trainees are expected to arrive in Australia in June.

### Fire fighting cannon developed

By Kathy Lund

SYDNEY — A water cannon, made by a research team from the Sydney University using World War II anti-tank guns, will play an important role in helping Saudi Arabia overcome the problem of oil well fires. The cannon is being used in a new fire fighting technique developed by the university's department of mechanical engineering. According to reports, the water cannon produces supersonic liquids of greater momentum than that of oil jets. These are used to control oil well fires instead of the traditional method of using high explosives to blow the fuel away.

The Australian Information Service Science Newsletter reports that the Saudi Arabian government has been so impressed by the method that it has signed a contract to initiate a long-term collaborative project with the university. Related work has been in progress at the department for the past six

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# Belgium crisis on economic steps ends

BRUSSELS, May 16 (R) — Belgian Prime Minister Mark Eyskens announced Saturday his government had agreed on a set of economic measures and settled disagreements which threatened to topple his five-week old center-left coalition.

He told a news conference the package was agreed at a cabinet meeting after several days of discussions between the Social Christians and the Socialists. If the cabinet had failed to reach an agreement, it had been expected that general elections would be held next month. But Saturday's accord should give the fragile coalition a few months respite.

A decision to provide between \$1.5 billion and \$2 billion to modernize the country's ailing steel industry met demands of the French-speaking Socialists, Belgium's second largest party. Another measure to cut some company taxes by \$750 million to improve the competitiveness of Belgian industry answered the demands of the Eyskens' Flemish Social Christians (CVP).

The government agreed to raise value added tax (VAT) on some non-essential goods to compensate for the loss of income. VAT is expected to increase on luxury goods, petrol, tobacco and spirits, government sources said.

But the most disputed issue was a CVP proposal to modify the system of automatically indexing wage rises to inflation, a reform aimed at cutting manpower costs to industry.

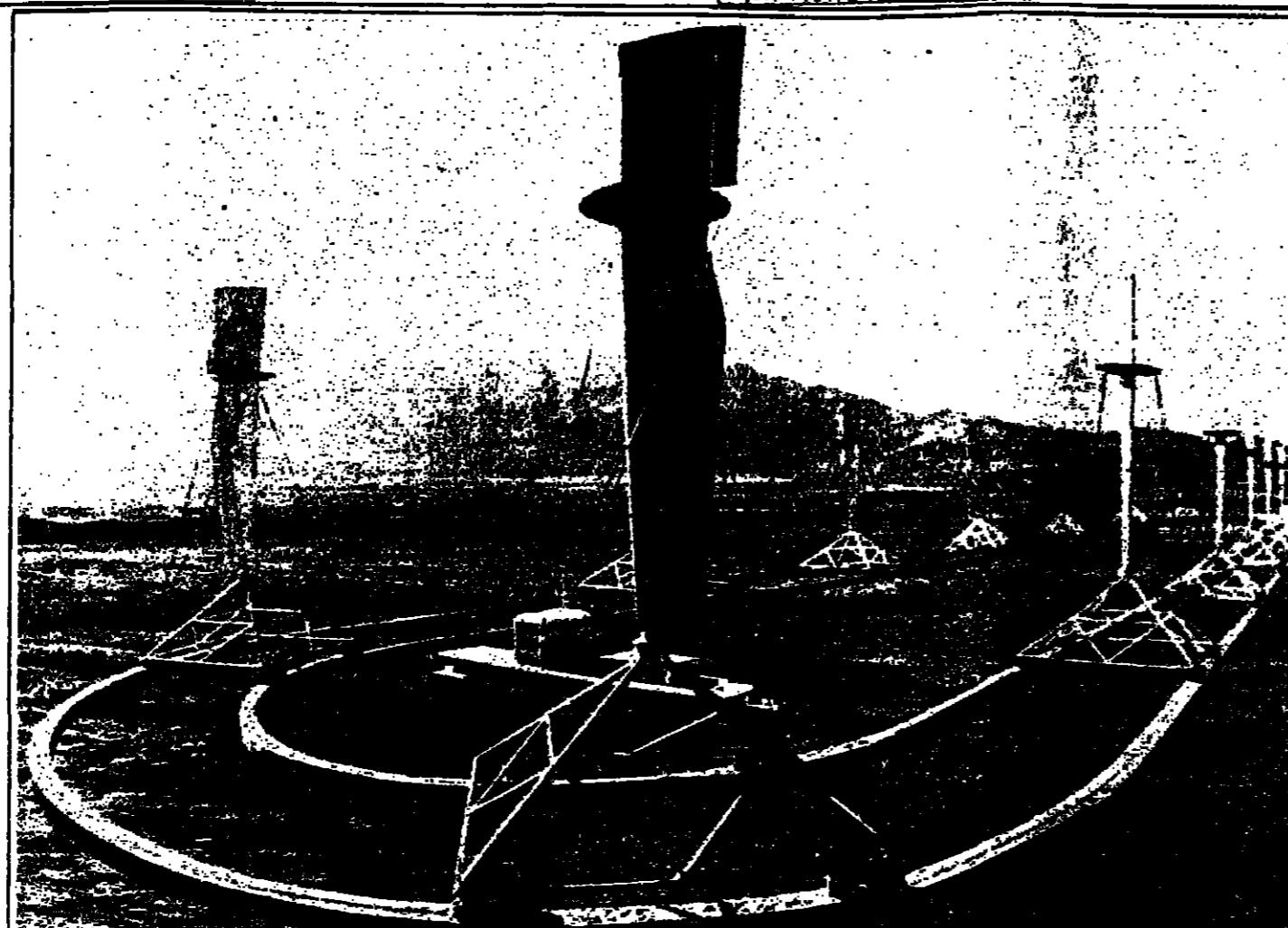
## Arabs blacklist

### 3 U.S. firms

KUWAIT, May 16 (AP) — The Boycott of Israel Office Saturday banned dealing with the U.S. company Gulton Industries Inc., a boycott official said in a statement.

He said the company is an affiliate of the U.S. Transrect company. The same official said that other companies also were blacklisted and banned in the Arab world. He gave the names of these companies as: Ert International Corporation of the United States; Lowenstein and Son Inc., of the U.S.; Creations Maxi Librati of France, which exported products under the trade name 'Woman Style'; Ilos Textiles Constantines, Ilos Textile Mills, Ilos Textiles, Ilosin, Hellenic Fabrics and the Osonalik Cotton Ginning of Greece; Stelux Watch Ltd of Hong Kong.

The office also said in a statement that it lifted the ban on the Indian company Kab Pharma Ltd. and its factory in Bombay, along with the Indian company Roche Products Ltd.



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### \$65b surplus

## Focus on Kuwait's opulence, investments

KUWAIT, May 16 (AP) — The surplus dollars of Kuwait, the world's richest country on the basis of per capita income, increased 34 per cent in 1980, according to a government parliament report published here Saturday.

The report, submitted to parliament earlier in the week, showed the surplus was \$65.1 billion, compared with \$48.6 in 1979. The total was ascribed to a rise in oil prices and profits from foreign investment.

Despite a cutback amounting to 17 per cent in Kuwait's production of crude oil, Kuwait's income from oil sales amounted to more than \$19 billion in 1980, according to official statistics.

The statement which was being examined by parliament said that 66.6 per cent of the surplus funds were being invested in the United States and Western European countries, 4.8 per cent in Arab countries, one per cent in Japan and African countries, and 27.6 per cent inside Kuwait.

Toward the end of this decade the statement said, Kuwait's income from foreign investments should amount to two-thirds the

size of its revenues from oil sales. No precise figures were revealed on that score.

Meantime, a number of parliamentarians presented a bill to set up an independent body for foreign investments and local economic development planning. Foreign investments have been handled by the ministry of finance and the London-based Kuwait Investment Office.

The bill raised the possibility of an upsurge in surplus dollars which, it contends might reach \$95 billion by 1985, even with further oil production cutbacks.

"When oil is gone, this region will turn into an empty desert with a polluted Gulf," the bill cautioned in its preamble. "For that reason we are moving the bill to preserve this wealth for securing a decent living standard for posterity."

The bill urged that international investments, by Kuwait, must be protected against inflation. To achieve this, the bill suggested, foreign investment should be diverted to Arab, Islamic and Third World countries.

So far, Kuwait has been investing in fields

ranging from bank deposits, U.S. and British government securities and equity shares. In addition, Kuwait has invested in West German heavy industries, auto-manufacturing in Brazil, properly and shipping in Britain.

Last year, Kuwait acquired 10 per cent stake in the West German Volkswagen subsidiary for \$115 million. Kuwait also has a 14 per cent equity stake in Daimler-Benz, the West German vehicle group, and a 25 per cent share in the Korf Stahl, a metal concern.

The government recently purchased a 10 per cent share in Metalgesellschaft, a German smelting and trading company.

In Britain, Kuwait owns a controlling interest in Hay's Wharf, a shipping and trading company. It also has the St. Martin property company, which it acquired in 1974. The Kuwaitis, through the Kuwait Investment Office in London, have been acquiring increasing shares in a number of British concerns — including the Savoy hotels, safemakers chubb and Co., the electronics concern Murihead and the British life insurance company.

### 10 French firms

GENEVA, May 16 (AFP) — About 10 French firms have entered into a consortium to list those Geneva banks which employ the smallest number of French nationals, so as to transfer funds to Switzerland with a maximum of security, the daily newspaper *La Suisse* reported Saturday, quoting reliable sources.

According to recent press reports, several bank employees, who commute to work from France, have recently been approached by tax inspectors investigating French deposits with Swiss banks.

France this week increased border checks for cash smugglers after the presidential election victory of Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand.

### 'form consortium'

Meanwhile, French customs Saturday announced the arrest of a young man trying to transfer 300,000 francs (\$60,000) into Switzerland for "a relative."

### Brazil devalues currency

BRASILIA, Brazil, May 16 (AP) — Brazil devalued its currency the cruzeiro by 2.096 per cent Friday, to 84.26 to the U.S. dollar. The seller's rate rose to 84.68 to the dollar.

The new rates are effective Monday. The devaluation was the 12th this year for a total of 29.293 per cent in 1981. During the same period in 1980, the cruzeiro was devalued a total only 18 per cent.

## Financial Roundup

# Markets caught off balance

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 16 — In a remarkable statistical turnaround, the financial markets seem to have been caught completely off balance by the latest release of the money supply figures from the United States. The expected range put by most observers was for a wide estimate of a rise in the Friday money supply figures of "between" \$2 and 4 billion. In the end it was announced Friday that the M-2 figures rose by \$3.1 billion with M-1 measuring the money supply in terms of cash and interest bearing (now accounts) and non-interest bearing checking accounts.

However, local markets, Saturday were gripped by "factual rumors" as one local banker described them, to the effect that U.S. money supply figures instead of showing the expected rise, in effect fell by a staggering \$9 billion... the net effect was to bring spot riyal on the local exchanges from levels of 3.3710-20 to 3.37005 — 15 and an easing of riyal and dollar deposit rates quoted out of Bahrain. No one seemed able to give an answer as to why the money supply figures were so off the mark — a deviation of \$3.1 billion positive to \$9 billion negative is simply too big to be put down to last minute statistical adjustments and that coming from the most statistically advanced

country in the world.

Assuming the later money supply figures prove correct, the dollar should open weak Monday in Europe. It had closed strong against most major currencies Friday as well as in New York. Three-month Eurodollar deposit rates reached 19 1/4 — 19 1/4 per cent and this remains the highest level reached yet for the past week. Against the French franc, the dollar reached levels of 5.58 at one stage before falling to 5.6700 levels. The markets are still nervous and uncertain that the moves by the central bank of France in support of the franc will have any but immediate impact. However, if dollar deposit rates fall Monday, then the pressure on the franc will ease. Sterling fell back to 2.0680 before closing higher at 2.0775. The mark, although at the top of the European Monetary System (EMS) was yet weak at 2.3004 in New York closing. The yen was still weaker at 222.50.

Locally, the riyal opened firm at 18 1/4 — 19 per cent — the highest yet since early February. However, the rates eased to 18 1/4 per cent after the Bahrain "rumours" on the money supply. Spot riyal fell to 3.3705 — 15 from high levels of 3.3715 — 25 after the news and local markets welcomed the development as it eased pressure on riyal rates.

### Cameroun's new refinery opens

YAOUNDE, May 16 (AFP) — A new oil refinery of two million tons a year (100,000 barrels a day) capacity was formally opened by Cameroun's President Ahmadou Ahidjo Saturday at Victoria on the West African state's northern coast.

The Cameroun state has a 66 per cent share in the project, the Pecten-Cameroun company eight per cent, the French companies Total and ELF 10 and eight per cent respectively, and Mobil eight per cent.

### BRIEFS

ATHENS, (AFP) — Inflation in Greece in April reached an annual rate of 24.3 per cent compared with 24.9 per cent for last year, the coordination ministry said here Saturday. But with the cost of living rising by just two per cent in April, the government target of keeping inflation to less than 20 per cent for the whole of this year has suffered a setback.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — World tea production reached a record 1.8 million metric tons in 1980, the U.S. government's agriculture service reported here. The bumper crop was due to increased production in India, China, Turkey, Indonesia and Bangladesh, while drought conditions cut output in Sri Lanka, Kenya and the Soviet Union, the service said.

COPENHAGEN, (AFP) — Denmark has become the first Western industrialized country to ratify the agreement setting up the commodities common fund under the "North-South dialogue," the Foreign Ministry said here. The agreement — part of the plan for a new international economic order — was ratified Wednesday, it said.

PUEBLA, Mexico, (AP) — The 20 million "Beetle" car produced in the world by Volkswagen rolled off the assembly line here Friday morning. It was the one million sedan produced in this plant, opened Volkswagen was born in Wolfsburg, Germany, and director of sales for Volkswagen in that city was here to commemorate the day.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Sweden is to give India aid worth 660 million Swedish krona (\$150 million) over a two-year period up to 1983 under an agreement signed here by representatives of the two countries.

The 720,000 million francs CFA (about 2.9 million U.S. dollars) plant was built by the Procon-France company. In addition to the Cameroun state, finance was provided by several French and international banks and the French Caisse Centrale de Co-operation Economique.

The Victoria refinery will treat crude oil from reserves 20 kms (12 miles) off the Cameroun coast exploited by the ELF-Serpeca/Pecten group which are expected to produce four million tons (200,000 bpd) this year.

Production offshore Cameroun could reach eight million tons a year (400,000 bpd) by 1984, it is believed here. It was 2.7 million tons (135,000 bpd) in 1980. Current refined oil tons of the country are between 700,000 and 800,000 tons a year.

### Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Thursday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.96
Belgian Franc (1,000)	90.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.80	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	147.00	148.50	146.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	152.00	158.00	151.30
Egyptian Pound	—	4.26	4.01
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	91.50	91.95
French Franc (100)	61.00	61.00	60.75
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	66.00	61.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.00
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	30.00	30.25	29.60
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	15.30	15.30
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.24	10.15
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.70	12.70
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	81.50	82.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	66.60	66.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.10	34.10
Philippine Peso (100)	—	7.00	7.50
Pound Sterling	—	92.25	92.75
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	156.45
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	162.00	164.25	163.65
Syrian Lira (100)	—	51.50	53.10
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.3790	3.3720
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	74.00	73.65
Selling Price Buying Price			
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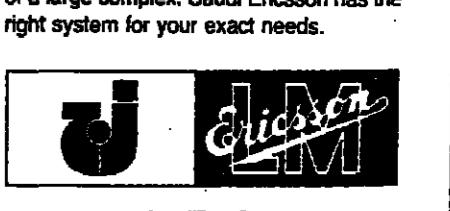


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# U.S. money supply up by \$3.1 billion

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP) — America's basic money supply increased in the first week of May by \$3.1 billion, an increase less than many had expected and one that did not raise the previous week's decline.

"That number was a lot better than people expected," said Maury Harris, an economist with Paine Webber Incorporated. After the number was announced Friday afternoon, interest rates receded and bond prices went up, Harris said.

The increase in money in circulation, checking accounts and in interest-bearing checking deposits, reached an average \$430.9 billion, up from \$427.8 billion the Federal Reserve Bank reported for the previous week. However, the Fed also Friday revised downward by \$800 million the previously announced figure for the week ended April 30.

Friday's new report by the Federal Reserve Board said the April gain would have been more except for effects of the United Mine Workers' strike.

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But the auto increase went into rebuilding inventories, not into filling new orders, analysts agree, and a repetition soon is unlikely unless customer demand picks up quickly. Also in April, the report said, "production of home goods such as appliances edged off, but output of consumer non-durable goods advanced further."

## Wall Street

### Contrary opinion' being put to classic test

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In an era when many professional investors, turning to computer models and other elaborate systems, the theory of contrary opinion remains a remarkably straightforward approach.

It states merely that securities should be bought when no one else wants them, and that enthusiasm for them is running best. In other words, buy low and sell high. The seeming simplicity of that advice is deceptive, however. By definition, it can only be followed successfully by a minority of investors.

Also by definition, it means going out on a limb. For a portfolio manager with fiduciary obligations to his clients or a trader responsible for what happens to his firm's money, it is bad enough to be wrong along with everyone else.

But the idea of making a mistake while everyone else is on the other side of the market is scarier still. "Contrary opinion is great discipline," one trader at a large Wall Street firm remarked. "But it takes an enormous amount of guts to practice it."

What has caught the interest of many "contrarians" lately is the bond market, where

production grew by 0.94 per cent in April despite the ill effects of a nationwide coal strike and near-record interest rates, the government reported Friday.

The gain was somewhat higher than many economists had expected. But it was not enough to change their predictions that the overall national economy will grow little — if at all — in the next few months. Since the first of the year, industrial production at U.S. factories and mines has risen moderately in three months and declined slightly in one gaining more than 1 per cent each month during the last half of 1980.

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## ILO lauds Polish labor law reform

GENEVA, May 16 (AP) — Emerging Polish Labor legislation conforms largely with long-standing international conventions and represents "considerable progress" in the country's labor law reform, Francis Blanchard, director general of the International Labor Organization (ILO), has said.

The legislation proposes to codify workers' rights to organize freely and to bargain collectively. Blanchard, in addition, reviewed the organization's invitation to Pope John Paul II to address the ILO's annual conference, perhaps the session in 1982. The Pope who shot Wednesday in Vatican City, had been scheduled to address the conference June 4, during his now-canceled trip to Switzerland.

Blanchard also confirmed that Lech Wałęsa, head of the independent labor movement Solidarity, will be the principal union representative in Poland's delegation to next month's ILO conference. Wałęsa probably will arrive in Geneva June 2, Blanchard said, and stay several days.

Recounting discussions he had in Poland this week with government and labor officials, Blanchard told reporters the country's draft labor legislation, on which the ILO had been regularly consulted over the past two years, "goes far" and proposes "maximum" protection of workers' rights, including compensation for days lost to strikes.

The value line investment survey, which has long been — and remains — bullish on the stock market, told its subscribers early in May, "in the next months, bonds may provide a better total return than stocks."

The stock market has taken its lumps over the years from inflation as well. But at least stocks offer the hope of some protection from inflation in the form of rising earnings and dividends.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 9.55 to 985.95 in the past week, now stands just 6 per cent below its all-time high of 1,051.70, reached on Jan. 11, 1973.

The bond market, meanwhile, is in such

disarray that many observers have begun to speculate that long-term bonds might soon disappear from the scene in the United States, as they have in many another inflation-plagued country. Numerous large investors have publicly vowed to shun bonds after the beating they have taken in the recent years.

These are just the kind of conditions that speed up a contrarian's pulse — a battered market, depressed prices, investors vowing "never again." Indeed, it is noteworthy that some investment advisers who normally devote most of their attention to the stock market have lately been attracted to bonds.

The American people and the present administration are deeply committed to curbing inflation," maintains Argus's president, Joseph McAlinden. "While this will not happen overnight, inflation will unwind as firm, unrelenting pressure is applied."

## Venezuela to back oil price freeze

CARACAS, May 16 (R) — Venezuela will support an oil price freeze at the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meeting in Geneva later this month, but action must be taken to match supply with demand, Energy and Mines Minister Umberto Calderon Berti has said.

Calderon said Friday that reduced demand meant that if the present trend continued there would be an oil surplus of 1.2 million barrels per day. The economic commission of OPEC this month estimated the current world demand at 7.5 million barrels per day, while OPEC countries were producing only about 2.5 million barrels daily, compared

with 3.1 million barrels per day in 1979, he said.

He said it was neither possible nor desirable for production to be manipulated to create artificial shortage to raise prices, nor to maintain high surplus supplies. The ideal solution in Geneva would be to maintain the price agreed upon at OPEC's Bali conference last December and begin serious discussions on a long-term pricing policy, he said.

In another development, energy ministers from six Latin American states agreed Friday to set up an information bank on the energy supplies and requirements of countries in the region.

The Executive committee of the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) ended a two-day meeting here aimed at furthering cooperation in the field of energy.

A statement issued after the meeting said the first step would be a short-term analysis of the needs, supplies and plans of each OLADE member. It said this would enable current problems to be identified and plans of action to be made, mainly in pursuing alternative, renewable energy sources and conserving supplies.

The information bank, which will grow out of this, will contain facts about hydrocarbons, hydroelectricity, coal, geothermal technology, nuclear power, and other sources of energy.

## U.S. to oppose baby milk ad ban

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP) — Reagan administration officials have defended their opposition to the proposed international code for banning the promotion of commercial baby formulas.

Many other governments are pressing for the ban on the ground that the misuse of substitute for mothers' milk causes the death of babies, especially in poor countries. The U.S. government expects to vote against the code at a meeting in Geneva next week.

One U.S. official pointed out that banning advertising in this country would violate the guarantee of free speech in the U.S. constitution.

He said he had not heard of any other government planning to vote against the proposal in the world health assembly, now being held in Geneva, which has 157 member countries. The code contains a provision urging governments to pursue the aims of the code in accordance with their own laws. "At present we are firmer in our willingness to defend the free market system than others seem to be," the official explained.

The two officials — who asked not to be

named — met reporters in a formal briefing at the state department. They declined to say whether the State Department or any other department had recommended that the U.S. government abstain rather than cast a negative vote.

"We're familiar with the position of a number of industrial countries," one of the officials said. "Many of them have doubts, but knowing that many others are in favor, they don't wish to vote no." The official explained that in this case, the U.S. government did not want to appear to be mounting an attack on the code, but it hoped that others would join it.

"It would be hypocritical of us to vote for a code we can't implement in this country or recommend to others," he said.

He insisted the U.S. official policy continues to favor breast feeding over bottle feeding, pointing out that there are U.S. aid programs in poor countries for the promotion of breast feeding. But he also said there is no proof of a link between bottle feeding and infant deaths.

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## In English County Cricket

## West Indies pacemen dominate

LONDON, May 16 (AP) — West Indian fast bowler Joel Garner claimed five wickets for 57 runs Friday to guide Somerset to a surprise 33-run victory over Lancashire in an English County Championship Cricket match at Old Trafford.

Lancashire needed only 155 for victory, but Garner combined with England captain Ian Botham (four for 62) to dismiss the home team well short of the target.

Somerset earlier had been skittled out for 89 in its second innings. West Indian Michael Holding took five for 37 and Paul Allott finished with figures of four for 23.

Sussex needed 155 to defeat Glamorgan at Hove and reached the target with seven wickets still intact.

Glamorgan earlier had been dismissed for

119 with former England fast bowler Geoff Arnold taking six for 39 and South African paceman Garth Le Roux claiming four for 38.

Nottinghamshire earlier recorded the first County Championship victory of the season by defeating Leicestershire by eight wickets at Trent bridge.

Wayne Daniel, Middlesex's West Indian fast bowler, took six wickets for 64 to guide the county champions to an 81-run victory over Yorkshire at Headingley.

Summarised scores:

At Trent Bridge, Leicestershire 170 and 195. Nottinghamshire 279 and 90-2. Nottinghamshire won by 8 wickets.

At Old Trafford, Somerset 309-3 decl. and 89 (Michael Holding 5-37, Paul Allott 4-23).

Dennis Lillee doubtful starter

## Testing time for Peter Parker, Wells

ARUNDEL, England, May 16 (AP) — A largely unknown Australian cricket team has its first taste Saturday of what may be regarded as the embodiment of English cricket in the attractive setting of Arundel Castle here.

However, the 45 overs-a-side match against the Duchess of Norfolk's eleven, captained by former England skipper Mike Denness, could be more than a tour pipe-opener for one or two of the home side players, with ambitions to force their way into the Test reckoning this summer.

Bob Woolmer, whom many observers thought was unlucky to be dropped from the side last summer and then omitted from the team which went to the West Indies, has a chance to show that the runs he has scored in Kent's early matches are an indication of Test class form. While Peter Parker, Sussex's highly promising early order batsman, could be a candidate for the troublesome No. 3 position.

His Sussex teammate, Colin Wells, also has a chance to impress following his significant advance last season when he topped a 1,000 runs for his county at an average of over 44.

## Four share lead in Coca Cola Golf Classic

PARAMUS, New Jersey, May 16 (AP) —

Cathy Whitworth, on her way to becoming the first woman in LPGA history to win \$1 million, was among four tied at 4-under-par 69 Friday in the first round of the \$125,000 Coca Cola Classic at the Ridgewood Country Club.

Whitworth, who won \$958,368 in 22 years on the tour, tied with Shelley Hamlin, Barbara Moynihan and Janet Coles in the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament.

One shot off the lead Rebeth Daniel, last season's top money winner, Dot German,



Dennis Lillee

The Australians, with seven players who have not toured England before, could well be without their most experienced bowler, Dennis Lillee, who has been suffering from bronchial congestion and did not practice at

Lord's Friday. If Lillee, who has played in 48 Tests and has taken 351 wickets in them, is unable to play, Geoff Lawson, one of the newcomers, will take his place, joining Rodney Hogg and Terry Alderman in the pace line-up.

The Australians will have three other players making their English debuts in opening batsman Martin Kent, middle-order batsman Trevor Chappell, youngest of the three cricketing brothers, and Dirk Wellham, who at 22 earned selection on the strength of the only five first-class games he has played for New South Wales.

With Greg Chappell, who captained the side in the winter series against India and New Zealand, standing down from this tour, the Australians look likely to provide far less formidable opposition to England than the West Indies team they met last summer and on the recent Caribbean visit.

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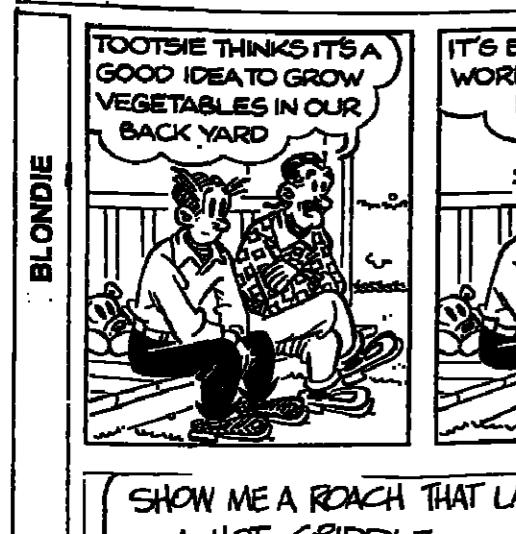
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## Chinese warn Viets on clashes

PEKING, May 16 (AP) — China Saturday issued its second warning this month to Vietnam to put an immediate end to "armed provocations" along the border between the two countries, following increased tension since the beginning of the month.

The official New China News Agency (NCPA) said the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs had sent a note to this effect to the Vietnamese Embassy in Peking.

The increase in tension comes at a time of new diplomatic maneuvering in the region on the Cambodian issue — already the cause of an armed conflict between the two former Communist allies in 1979.

Increased tension in the field was reflected in communiques issued by both China and Vietnam lately accusing each other of various incidents, which, according to Peking, have resulted in the deaths of 123 Vietnamese soldiers and scores of Chinese civilians in border areas.

The protest note — holding Vietnam responsible for all ensuing consequences — said Vietnam was still currently shelling a Chinese border region. The target area in question, Ningming, is just across the border from the Vietnamese town of Langson, which Hanoi said came under Chinese artillery fire this week for the first time since 1979. It is a town that was ravaged in the conflict of February — March 1979.

For the first time also, Vietnam has been said to have deployed armored cars in a clash with Chinese soldiers. Western specialists put the Chinese border forces at 225,000 to 250,000 men for about 250,000 Vietnamese.

China has issued several warnings of another "counterattack" if Vietnamese "provocations" continued. The 1979 conflict was aimed mainly as a retort on Peking's part for Vietnam's intervention in Cambodia, where Hanoi is backing a government it brought to power against nationalist guerrillas.

There is increased diplomatic activity for a withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from Cambodia at a time when the various Cambodian resistance movements are considering forming a united front.

Chinese forces killed 23 Vietnamese soldiers in a Sino-Vietnamese border incident last Sunday night, between the Chinese district of Ningming in Guangxi province and the Vietnamese town of Langson, the *People's Daily* reported Saturday. The Chinese soldiers repulsed a Vietnamese "attack" backed by tanks, the newspaper added.

The 1979 conflict erupted when Chinese forces penetrated Vietnam in response to Vietnam's "incessant armed provocations" along the border.

## Giscard authorizes expansion of N- plant

PARIS, May 16 (AP) — The outgoing French government of Giscard d'Estaing Saturday authorized the expansion of the controversial nuclear reprocessing plant at La Hague, at the outermost tip of France's northwestern Normandy coast. The order cleared the way for construction of a new plant for retreating irradiated nuclear fuel from French and foreign reactors. The plant will be able to process up to 800 tons of uranium per year from the fuel.

An existing 2,000-ton storage pool, where the burned fuel is kept for three years to allow a decrease in radioactive intensity, is to be enlarged for handling up to 4,000 tons. The new plant will also include seven small factories, to be connected to the existing plant in stages beginning in 1982.

New units may also be built. Plans call for a second 800-ton capacity reprocessing plant with a connecting 4,000-ton storage pool and a shearing factory for cutting radioactive fuel and its casings into pieces. A plant for treating liquid and solid radioactive waste was also authorized.

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## For a week's project Cosmonauts join Salyut

MOSCOW, May 16 (AP) — The Soviet Soyuz 40 spacecraft, with a Romanian cosmonaut aboard, hooked up with the orbiting Salyut 6 space station which carries an all-Soviet crew, Tass said Saturday.

The Soviet news agency said Dumitru Prunariu, 28, the first Romanian in space, and veteran Soviet cosmonaut Leonid Popov would be involved in a seven-day joint project in the space station with cosmonauts from Moscow's Communist allies into space. Popov, 36, set a space endurance record last year on a 180-day flight with fellow Soviet cosmonaut Valery Ryumin.

Soyuz 40 was the third manned Soviet space launch this year, and the first since the successful flight of the U.S. space shuttle last month. In addition to the current flight, Soviet cosmonauts have flown with spacemen from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Mongolia, Vietnam, Cuba, East Germany and Bulgaria since March 1968.

The most recent previous intercosmos flight included Mongolian cosmonaut Jugderdenidyn Gurragchaa, 33, who blasted off March 22 and returned to earth March 30. Now training to take part in the next phase of the intercosmos program are cosmonauts from France and India.

### Romania invites Reagan

WASHINGTON, May 16 (R) — President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania has invited President Reagan to pay an official visit to his country. Reagan said he appreciated the invitation and hoped he would be able to accept.

The invitation was delivered Friday by Foreign Minister Stefan Andrei when he conferred with Reagan in the White House. Grabski said 48 other members of the former ruling team were due to testify to the committee before the end of June.

## Quake-struck Italians spend night in tents

GROTTAFERRATA, Italy, May 16 (AP) — Frightened people spent the night in tents and cars as earth tremors shook the Alban Hills south of Rome late Friday and Saturday morning.

Authorities reported Saturday that three jolts, the strongest measuring 5 on the Mercalli Scale, struck the quake-prone area overnight and shortly before noon, causing cracks to some old buildings.

Twelve families were evacuated from a damaged building in this village, and 10 families had to abandon their house in nearby Frascati. Tremors have been shaking the Alban Hills every day for the past two weeks, causing panic among residents of the area that includes the summer residence of Pope John Paul II at Castel Gandolfo.

## Reagan becomes oldest president ever

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP) — Ronald Reagan became the oldest president the United States has ever had Saturday.

No trumpets trumpeted, no gifts were gifted, no toasts were toasted Friday as Reagan turned 70 years and 98 days — equaling the record set by Dwight D. Eisenhower on the day he left office in 1961.

Reagan, born Feb. 6, 1911, already held one presidential age mark. He was the oldest man ever to be sworn in as president. The previous titlist, William Henry Harrison, 68 years and 23 days old on the day of his inauguration, was overcome by ill and died 31 days later.

On his 70th birthday party, Reagan quipped, "this is the 31st anniversary of my 39th birthday." It was a line, with appropriately



President Ronald Reagan

### Ito quits

timing, complaining that the document's final version emphasized "cooperation" aspects of the U.S.-Japan relationship, rather than constitutional and other constraints that guide Japan's defense policy.

Using a favorite metaphor, Suzuki in Washington described Japan was not a "roaring lion," but a "porcupine." Through a mis-translation, the porcupine became a "wise mouse," embarrassing the Japanese leader, quizzing his U.S. hosts and causing American editorial writers to criticize Japan for timidity. Officials here shrugged off the "wise mouse" mixup as inconsequential, saying there was no reason to think the two governments did not understand each other's positions.

Evidently satisfied that Japan's views were understood in Washington, Suzuki returned home — only to run into a buzzsaw of press and political charges that he had somehow been maneuvered into a new and dangerous military relationship with the United States. Agca's mother said that the youth sacrificed a great deal in his early teens in order to support the family after his father died in 1966.

### Pope's

condition. Mrs. Hall was less seriously hurt. In Turkey police arrested the bearer of the passport apparently used by Agca to enter Italy, police sources reported Saturday.

They said Faruk Ozgun, whose name Agca used as an alias in entering Italy, was taken into custody late Friday in the central Turkish town of Nevsehir, south of Ankara.

Meanwhile, the mother of Agca told reporters Friday that she was "praying to God for the Pope's quick recovery" and said she hopes "they don't hang my son."

Muzeyyen Agca talked to Turkish news-men and television reporters in a two-room house made of mud and brick in the eastern Turkish city of Malatya. "What can I say I am praying to God that the Pope recovers quickly," she told an interview from Turkish television.

Agca's mother said that the youth sacrificed a great deal in his early teens in order to support the family after his father died in 1966.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

A friend once asked me if I heard the one about the Arab leader who... "No" was my quick and firm reply, "and what's more I don't want to know." Safety first, you see. The leader in question is known to be not over-found of jokes at his expense, as many a wit in his country found to his cost...

"If it's political jokes you want," I advised my friend, "look further afield. Eastern Europe, that sort of thing. At best, you can think of the situation in some of our lands as you tell them. But whatever you do, don't think aloud... You only live once, and there's no sense in taking chances."

Having given the advice, I might as well act on it myself. One from America and the rest from Eastern Europe:

The American one goes back to the last presidential election, when a voter complained that was a matter of choosing between the bad and the worse. To which a friend replied: Look at the positive side. Only one of them can win.

From Russia comes the story of three Russians meeting in a prison camp. They tell each other of what brought them there. "It was bound to happen in my case," the first one said. "I supported Popov in 1941." The second says: "It was bound to happen in my case too. I opposed Popov in 1942." To which the third responds, "bound to happen in my case too. I'm Popov."

Then, also from Russia, is the story of how Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar and Napoleon attend one of those great military parades in Red Square. "With tanks like these" sighed Alexander, "I could have taken all of Asia." Caesar looked at all the missiles and said, "and with these I could have taken the whole world." Napoleon however was looking at a copy of *Pravda*. "With newspapers like this," he said, "no one would have heard of Waterloo..."

Translated from *Ashraq Al-Awsat*

## Japanese ship rescues volcano-hit islanders

HONOLULU, Hawaii, May 16 (AP) — All 53 residents of a remote island Pagan in the Northern Marianas of the western Pacific were evacuated safely by a Japanese cargo ship Saturday morning after a volcanic eruption sent lava streaming toward their village, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The 54th resident, Mayor Daniel Castro, was in Saipan at the time of the eruption and was aboard a ship speeding to the scene Saturday.

The islanders were rescued by a Japanese cargo ship, the *Hoyo Maru*, which detoured to the island in the Northern Marianas after the eruption, according to Lt. Bill Southwood, of the Coast Guard rescue coordination center on Guam.

The rescue center was communicating with the ship by radio, he said, but communication between the ship's crew and the islanders was difficult because of language differences.

Volcanic activity on the island, located 560 kms north of Guam, had subsided, said Lt. Ed Marmot, in charge of the search and rescue squad at Guam.

One of two volcanoes on the island erupted for the first time in 26 years at 2315 GMT Thursday, belching ash 13 kms into the air and sending lava streaming toward the island's village.

Until the crew of the *Hoyo Maru* spotted the islanders just after daybreak Saturday, there had been no contact with them since the eruption was reported by the island's only

lower numbers, he had used before.

He sought to diffuse the age issue by promising to get regular checkups and saying he would resign if he "had any feeling at all that my capabilities had been reduced."

Reagan's capabilities were put to the test March 30 when he was shot in the left lung. The president, whose athletic pursuits encompass horseback riding and wood splitting, got a splendid medical report card.

"He is not like most other 70-year-old men," said hospital spokesman Dennis O'Leary, after surgeons removed the bullet. "He is physiologically very young."

The youngest president the United States ever had was Theodore Roosevelt, who was not yet 43 when he succeeded assassinated William McKinley. John F. Kennedy, not yet 44, was the youngest man elected to lead the nation.

TEHRAN, May 16 (Agencies) — Iran broke through Iraqi defenses around the beleaguered oil-refining city of Abadan Saturday and recaptured a strategic highway held by Iraq for more than seven months, the official Pars news agency said.

Iranian troops, in an attack that began in the early hours of the morning, destroyed one Iraqi battalion and captured 150 Iraqi soldiers in a breakthrough at Tir Square outside Hadab, the agency said. State radio said 470 Iraqis had been killed. "The Abadan-Mahshar Road is now back in the hands of the Iranians after 217 days and how only a few scattered units of the enemy are putting up a desperate resistance around the Tir Square," Pars said.

Pars said the attack was "a highly coordinated operation undertaken by the army, the revolutionary guards and other volunteer combatants," supported by artillery, and later ended in hand-to-hand combat. There was no confirmation from the Iraqi side and there were no Iraqi daytime war communiques.

### 94 perish in Java

JAKARTA, May 16 (AFP) — Waves of mud and cold lava sweeping down the slopes of a dormant volcano, Mount Semeru, in east Java, killed at least 94 persons and left six others missing over the past two days. Reports on the disaster, reaching Jakarta Saturday also said that scores of people were seriously injured and 2,500 had to be evacuated.

The flood started rolling down the slopes of the mountain, which lies 100 kms southeast of the East Java provincial capital of Surabaya, Thursday night following heavy rains, the reports said.

### Reds

share of the vote — as compared to 36 per cent for the Socialists and three per cent for parties of the extreme left. Meanwhile, Communist negotiations with the Socialists, aimed at a place in the new government, would be expected to arrive at a pact.

Such a pact, if it were adhered to by the Communists and turned out well, could give them ministries in the first full post-election — as opposed to transitional — government.

But before being elected president Mitterrand had already put forward his conditions for letting the Communists into a future government of the left.

These include their acceptance of the Socialist party's 110-point political platform on which he ran for office. There can, for example, be no question of the Communists seeking to obtain more than the nationalizations laid down in the Socialist program. At all events Communist ministers in a future cabinet would be expected to toe the government line, Socialist sources here emphasized.

There could be no question of the Communists stepping out of line over such issues as Afghanistan or the siting of Soviet missiles in Europe — both major points of divergence between Communists and Socialists during the presidential election campaign itself. The Communist Party has not revealed what its claims will be in coming negotiations, beyond that it expects a place in the cabinet that will allow it to "have a say" in government commensurate with its electoral strength. Meanwhile, official communiques said Francois Mitterrand will take over as president of France next Thursday, three days ahead of schedule, in a move apparently designed to ease the current pressure on the franc. Communiques were issued late Friday both by the Elysee Palace and by Mitterrand's staff which said the handover would be at 9.30 a.m. (0730 GMT).